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Gun supporters take case to Van Buren

County asked to be 2nd Amendment sanctuary

By ROD SMITH
HP Correspondent

PAW PAW — Two residents on Tuesday urged Van Buren County commissioners to support a resolution declaring Van Buren a Second Amendment sanctuary county.

There was no discussion and no action taken.

The Second Amendment, ratified with nine other amendments in the "Bill of Rights," reads in its entirety: "A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed."

What these words mean has long been a topic of contention.

To Jeffrey Roe of Hartford the words mean the right to self-defense. "It was written to protect our nation against criminals and hostile takeover by another nation," Roe told commissioners.

Criminals, he said, don't obey gun-control laws and he doesn't want his rights eroded. "I want to see a line drawn in the sand," Roe said.

Brian Horan, of South Haven, was critical of so-called "red-flag" laws. Such laws are intended to give authorities the right, under court order, to seize the guns of persons deemed dangerous to themselves or others, according to a Dec. 11 U.S. News and World Report article on the national movement against them.

Horan argued they are a violation of due process. "There's things coming up, like these red flag laws, that can be virtually thrown out from anybody against anybody and cause issues," Horan said.

If a neighbor doesn't want you target practicing in your backyard, according to Horan, that neighbor could claim you're unfit to have a weapon.

"Now you've got the police knocking on your door taking your rights, taking your guns without due process," Horan said.

Commissioners did not comment during Roe's and Horan's presentations. Nor did they comment on resolutions included in their agenda packets from Kalkaska and Sanilac counties, which have proclaimed themselves Second Amendment sanctuary counties.

Both county resolutions had similar language and resolved they were affirming their support for their county sheriff and prosecuting attorney "in the exercise of their sound discretion to not enforce against any citizen an unconstitutional firearms law."

A similar push from gun rights supporters has been ongoing in Berrien County for several weeks, with some residents recently organizing to oppose the idea. The Berrien County Board of Commissioners may resolve the contentious issue at today's meeting.

Celebrating Black History Month

Don Campbell / HP staff

ReUnna Dawson, 9, center, joins students from River of Life Christian School as they play with scarves and drums during an African dance Wednesday at the African American History & Literature Gallery in Benton Harbor. Students visited the gallery to learn about African American history as part of Black History Month.

Van Buren may seek bond election for new buildings

Project would be scaled down from failed 2017 proposal

By ROD SMITH
HP Correspondent

PAW PAW — Van Buren County commissioners are revisiting a smaller, cheaper building plan pared down from one that voters rejected three years ago.

Commissioners on Tuesday informally directed County Administrator John Faul to contact Kalamazoo-based architectural firm DLZ to update designs and develop time-lines to build a new courthouse on the south side of the present complex in downtown Paw Paw. DLZ had come up with the original design.

After Tuesday's discussion, in which commissioners cut some things out of the project, Faul said the South Haven courthouse, historic courthouse and administration buildings would stay. In addition, most personnel and offices would stay put.

One exception is the old sheriff's quarters, which will be torn down to make room for the new structure. "They'll have to make accommodations for the displaced people." Faul said. Right now it houses offices and trustee quarters.

The goal is to enhance functionality in the 120-year-old courthouse, as well as enhance safety for the public and law enforcement personnel transporting inmates to court.

The courthouse also has problems complying with Americans with Disabilities Act regulations. "Especially getting services out off

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Luxury-minded wedding venue coming to Royalton Township

Project along Glenlord Road priced at $4.5M

By TONY WITTKOWSKI
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — A couple from Holland plans to invest $4.5 million to open a wedding venue in Royalton Township.

At last week's township planning commission meeting, Nicole and Mark Van Lente were granted site plan approval for Etre Farms – a luxury-minded wedding venue.

The venue will include an 8,000-square-foot barn and landscaping on 5 acres of property. The venue will be along Glenlord Road near Hollywood Road – stationed along the same side of the road as the new Vail Rubber building.

"They've had the property for about a year," said Building Inspector Bill Boyd. "They've been throughout the country looking at wedding barns. They're very selective and found our area to be where they thought would be the perfect spot."

Boyd said they decided on the location because of its proximity to Lake Michigan, wineries and hotels.

The Holland couple first reached out to the township six to eight months ago to gauge how receptive Royalton was to such a venue.

According to site plans submitted to the township, the Van Lentes intend to build a steel building that will resemble an old barn. There will also be a lot of landscaping, to accommodate photos.

Manager Steve Tilly said the township board didn't need to approve the site plans since no variants or zoning changes are involved.

Boyd said there is no timeline on when construction will begin or when the facility is expected to be operational.

"They want to get all their ducks in a row," Boyd said. "Everything they are planning on doing is luxury-minded."

Boyd said the couple expects a large number of customers from Chicago.

Clerk Bill Foust said the Van Lentes have also met with several companies and nonprofits in Southwest Michigan and have garnered interest in holding off-site meetings at the venue.

In addition to having a primary and secondary parking area, Foust said they have had discussions with nearby motels/hotels about accessibility.

Foust said the Van Lentes have blown township planners away with the amount of detail that has gone into the $4.5 million project.

"I give them so much credit. When they first came to us, they revealed how they had literally been traveling the United States, picking up things to incorporate into this venue," said Foust, who serves on the board and planning commission. "(This venue) is important because it's something we do not have. We're a bedroom community, and things like this brings people to the community."

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The lone survivor

Police say of the 6 dogs believed thrown from moving vehicle, 1 survived

By LOUISE WREGE
HP Staff Writer

WAYLAND — It was Lucky Lulu's lucky day. Sadly, it wasn't lucky for five other dogs that Allegan County police believe were killed late last month in a cruel act.

Lucky Lulu, a Chihuahua, was the lone survivor after a couple allegedly threw six Chihuahua's out of their moving vehicle Jan. 29 near Wayland, in eastern Allegan County.

The story, posted online Wednesday by several area news sites, quickly made its way around the nation and world to a wide variety of online sites.

Allegan County Undersheriff Mike Larsen said a report was filed with the department claiming the dogs were discarded near the 400 block of 124th Avenue in Wayland Township a couple weeks ago. The vehicle was described as a Silver Honda Odyssey, around year 2004-2006, driven by a white male with dark, long curly hair. The female passenger, said to have discarded the dogs, was described as having blonde hair.

Photo provided / Allegan County Sheriff's Office

"Lucky Lulu" was reportedly found about two weeks ago in Allegan County after being thrown from a moving vehicle, along with five other Chihuahuas. She was the only survivor.

Both suspects are said to be very skinny and missing teeth, and are believed to be in their 20s or 30s. The witnesses, not named in the police report, said the van was covered with mud that obscured the license plate.

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Barr agrees to testify as Democrats question his leadership

By MARY CLARE JALONICK
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Attorney General William Barr has agreed to testify before the House Judiciary Committee next month, appearing for the first time before the panel as questions swirl about whether he intervened in the case of a longtime ally of President Donald Trump.

House Judiciary Committee Chairman Jerrold Nadler, D-N.Y., released a letter Wednesday to Barr "to confirm your agreement to testify" on March 31. In the letter, Nadler and committee Democrats write that they have concerns that Barr has misused the criminal justice system for political purposes.

"In your tenure as attorney general, you have engaged in a pattern of conduct in legal matters relating to the president that raises significant concerns for this committee," Nadler and the Democrats wrote.

The Justice Department confirmed Barr would testify. His appearance will be the first before the House Judiciary panel since he became attorney general a year ago, and since he declined an invitation to testify about special counsel Robert Mueller's report after it was released.

The Democrats said they plan to ask Barr about the department's decision this week to overrule four federal prosecutors and lower the amount of prison time it would seek for Trump's confidant Roger Stone. The four prosecutors immediately quit the case, in which Stone was convicted of lying to Congress, witness tampering and obstructing the House investigation into whether the Trump campaign coordinated with Russia to tip the 2016 election.

They said they will also ask Barr about his department's announcement that it is taking information that Trump's personal lawyer Rudy Giuliani is gathering in Ukraine about the president's Democratic rival Joe Biden and his son.

"In the past week alone, you have taken steps that raise grave questions about your leadership," the Democrats wrote.

After the department indicated it would overrule the prosecutors, Trump tweeted congratulations to Barr "for taking charge of a case that was totally out of control and perhaps should not have been brought," suggesting the prosecutors had gone rogue.

The department insisted the decision to undo the sentencing recommendation was made Monday night, before Trump began tweeting about it, and that prosecutors had not spoken to the White House about it.

The Senate has shown less interest in grilling Barr on the Stone episode, defending the department's decision to reduce the sentence and saying they didn't expect to call him specifically to discuss it.

LOTTERIES

Wednesday drawings

Michigan
Classic Lotto 47
23-24-36-42-44-47
Poker Lotto
KS-AS-9D-10D-9H
Midday Daily 3
4-0-3
Midday Daily 4
6-9-6-4
Daily 3
9-4-1
Daily 4
6-7-9-2
Fantasy 5
01-07-12-21-23
Keno
06-09-10-13-20-25-26-27-29-30-40-46-49-51-53-57-60-67-68-69-72-76
Mega Millions jackpot
$40 million
Powerball jackpot
$70 million

Tuesday drawings

Michigan
Mega Millions
04-06-32-52-64, Mega Ball: 6, Megaplier: 2
Indiana
Cash 5
05-12-34-39-45
Estimated jackpot: $195,000
Cash4Life
11-22-32-34-48, Cash Ball: 2
Quick Draw Midday
02-05-07-12-15-16-18-22-26-31-35-39-42-44-49-52-55-60-63-79, BE: 12
Daily Three-Midday
3-6-5, SB: 2
Daily Three-Evening
0-3-0, SB: 0
Daily Four-Midday
8-0-5-3, SB: 2
Daily Four-Evening
1-9-8-6, SB: 0
Quick Draw Evening
02-05-06-07-09-11-13-16-23-32-33-36-37-39-42-46-57-60-67-71, BE: 5
Illinois
LuckyDay Lotto Midday
08-09-14-24-38
Pick Three-Midday
3-2-3, Fireball: 7
Pick Three-Evening
9-1-8, Fireball: 1
Pick Four-Midday
1-9-1-1, Fireball: 3
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8-6-6-1, Fireball: 2
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With impeachment over, critics see Trump 'retribution tour'

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President Donald Trump smiles during a meeting with Ecuadorian President Lenin Moreno in the Oval Office of the White House in Washington on Wednesday.

WASHINGTON — In the week since his acquittal on impeachment charges, a fully emboldened President Donald Trump is demonstrating his determination to assert an iron grip on government, pushing his Justice Department to ease up on a longtime friend while using the levers of presidential powers to exact payback on real and perceived foes.

Trump has told confidants in recent days that he felt both vindicated and strengthened by his acquittal in the Senate, believing Republicans have rallied around him in unprecedented fashion while voters were turned off by the political process, according to four White House officials and Republicans close to the West Wing who spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak publicly about private conversations.

Since then, Trump and his aides have moved with haste to clear his administration of those he sees as insufficiently loyal, reaching all the way back to the time of former special counsel Robert Mueller's probe into Russian interference in the 2016 election.

Democrats and outside analysts are raising red flags that Trump is exhibiting a post-impeachment thirst for vengeance that's gone beyond bending norms and could potentially cause lasting damage to institutions.

Some Republican senators, including Tennessee's Lamar Alexander, Maine's Susan Collins and Alaska's Lisa Murkowski, said they found Trump's effort to pressure Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelenskiy inappropriate. But they also expressed hope following his acquittal that Trump had learned a lesson from the episode.

Murkowski acknowledged Wednesday that "there haven't been very strong indicators this week that he has."

After Trump vented on Twitter this week about federal prosecutors recommending up to nine years in federal prison for his confidant Roger Stone, the Justice Department abruptly announced that it would reevaluate the recommended sentence. Justice officials insisted the timing was coincidental; they'd already been planning to pull the recommendation.

In recent days, the White House has yanked a senior Treasury Department nomination away from a former Justice Department official who supervised the prosecutions of several of Trump advisers. The administration also fired an EPA official who claims he was ousted because he was deemed too friendly with Democrats.

Trump even suggested this week that the Pentagon investigate and potentially discipline former White House aide Lt. Col. Alexander Vindman, who provided damaging testimony about the president in the impeachment inquiry.

That came after White House officials last week told Vindman and his twin brother, also an Army officer who had been detailed to the White House National Security Council, that their services were no longer needed and that they would be reassigned to new duties by the Pentagon. Security then escorted the brothers off White House grounds.

Former Justice Department officials struggled to recall a precedent, describing it as norm-shattering turmoil that raises troubling questions about the apparent politicization of an agency meant to function independent of White House sway.

"I've never seen anything like it," said Michael Bromwich, a former federal prosecutor and Justice Department inspector general who has been representing former FBI Deputy Director Andrew McCabe in a criminal investigation before the same U.S. attorney's office.

Trump turned testy during an Oval Office appearance when reporters asked him about interfering in the Stone case and whether he learned anything from his impeachment ordeal.

He slammed the four prosecutors who recommended the stiff sentence for Stone and asserted they "ought to apologize for a lot of the people whose lives they've ruined."

He described the lesson he gleaned from being just the third president to endure an impeachment trial: "Democrats are crooked. ... They're vicious, they shouldn't have brought impeachment and that my poll numbers are 10 points higher because of fake news."

Trump said he did not order Justice Department officials to change Stone's recommended sentence, though he claimed he would have had the "absolute right to do it" if he had wanted to. He used Twitter early Wednesday to congratulate Barr "for taking charge of a case that was totally out of control and perhaps should not even been brought."

Throughout his presidency, Trump has shown he doesn't like to wait for anything, let alone the end of a criminal case. But at moments, he has been willing to show restraint.

Early in his presidency, aides say, it took Trump an extraordinary measure of restraint to hold back on firing Attorney General Jeff Sessions in the months after he recused himself from the Russia investigation. The president reluctantly heeded the advice of his advisers and Republican allies not to dismiss the former Alabama senator until after the 2018 midterm elections.

But on the night of the election, as Republicans held onto the Senate but lost the House, Trump turned to those at a campaign party and said, simply, "I'm doing it now." Sessions was asked to resign the next day.

Similarly, Trump knew that the likely outcome of his impeachment trial would be acquittal at the hands of the GOP-controlled Senate. Reluctantly, he acquiesced to the advice of his aides and agreed to wait to retaliate for the probe, which he deemed a conspiracy conjured up by Democrats and the so-called Deep State, until the official verdict was reached.

Now, though, Trump is once again unleashed.

Some of his targets are far out of the public eye. Trump this week withdrew the nomination of Jessie Liu, a former U.S. attorney who oversaw federal prosecutions in the District of Columbia, for a senior Treasury Department post.

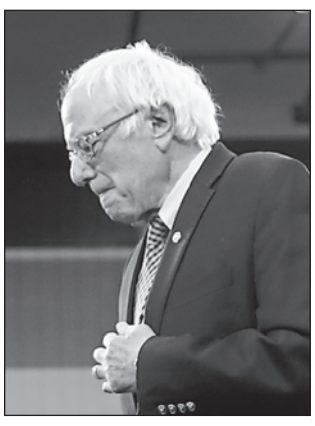
Liu had supervised the prosecution of several cases inherited from Mueller's probe into Russian interference into the 2016 election. Among those prosecuted under Liu's watch were Stone, 2016 deputy campaign chairman Rick Gates and former national security adviser Michael Flynn.

Sen. Sherrod Brown, an Ohio Democrat, accused Trump of being on a "retribution tour" and suggested that Senate Republicans – with the exception of Utah's Mitt Romney, who voted with Democrats to convict Trump on the abuse of power count – encouraged the president by turning a blind eye to his conduct.

"It's pretty clear the president of the United States did learn a lesson: the lesson he can do whatever he wants, whenever he wants, he can abuse his office, he'll never ever be held accountable by this Senate," Brown said.

Some Democrats fear fallout from Sanders atop the ticket

By NICHOLAS RICCARDI and ALAN FRAM
Associated Press



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Democratic presidential candidate Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., arrives to speak to supporters at a primary night election rally in Manchester, N.H., on Tuesday.

DENVER — Sen. Bernie Sanders' robust start in the race for the presidential nomination is triggering alarm among congressional Democrats, with many warning that a ticket headed by the self-declared socialist could be devastating to the party's chances of winning the Senate and holding the House in November.

In anxious huddles around the Capitol, apprehensive Democrats are sharing their worries that Sanders' socialist label and unyielding embrace of controversial proposals like "Medicare for All" and the Green New Deal will repel voters in the affluent, moderate districts that flipped House control in 2018 and in closely divided states where Republican senators are vulnerable.

The Vermont independent narrowly won New Hampshire Tuesday on the heels of a strong showing in Iowa and is widely seen as a front-runner, along with former South Bend, Indiana, Mayor Pete Buttigieg.

"I'm a proud capitalist," said freshman Rep. Ben McAdams, D-Utah, in pointed contrast with Sanders. McAdams, who is supporting former New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg and whose Salt Lake City district will be among the toughest for Democrats to defend, said having a liberal like Sanders atop his party's ticket "would probably give me more opportunities to show my independence" from the party.

Another freshman from a competitive district, Rep. Tom Malinowski, D-N.J., said Democrats need a presidential nominee who "doesn't scare all those future former Republicans more than Trump scares them." And while acknowledging that Republicans plan to tar all Democrats with the socialist label, "There's one candidate for whom that would not be a lie."

Rep. Dina Titus, D-Nev., who backs the candidacy of former Vice President Joe Biden, warned a group of Democratic voters this week in Carson City, Nevada, that with Sanders atop the ticket, "you're not going to take back the Senate. There's not any way, because everybody's going to be tarred with the same brush. We will probably lose seats in the House."

In private conversations, other Democrats are more succinct. One House Democrat said colleagues from swing districts are scared by the prospects of a Sanders nomination, while another said moderates are increasingly concerned that a Sanders candidacy would devastate their prospects for winning the White House and retaining the House. The lawmakers insisted on anonymity to describe private conversations.

Democrats' jitters have Republicans rubbing their hands in delight.

Republicans face an uphill fight in capturing control of the House, which Democrats lead 232-197, with one independent and five vacancies. The GOP controls the Senate 53-47 and is favored to retain its majority.

Congressional Democrats have little to gain by openly disparaging the man who could well be their presidential nominee, and they say they're uncertain what they could do that would be effective. Any move to derail his candidacy that could be traced back to them would undoubtedly enrage Sanders and his impassioned supporters and risk the fury that split the party in 2016, when some Sanders backers never supported Hillary Clinton, the Democratic nominee.

Progressives argue the fears are overblown. Republicans tried to tie Democrats to socialism and liberal causes like Medicare for All during the 2018 campaign, they note, yet Democrats won a resounding majority in the House. And they argue that nominating Sanders could change the electorate in ways that help the party.

"They don't want somebody that sells out," said Sanders backer Rep. Rashida Tlaib, D-Mich., a member of the "squad" of young liberal freshmen. She added, "Please don't talk about only persuading Trumpers and independents" to be open to an alternative candidate. "How about persuading the Democrats that haven't been engaged."

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Niece suspects elderly aunt is being isolated by her son

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have an elderly (90-plus) aunt who lives with her son in a town about four hours away. She corresponds by letter with us regularly, and we always write back. However, it has become apparent that she's not receiving our letters because she doesn't make any comments on any of the things we write to tell her about. We suspect that her son is withholding her mail because we have written to him in the past to express our displeasure about how he treats his mother's emotional and safety needs.

Jeanne Phillips
Dear Abby

In the last letter we received from her, she told us she expected to spend Christmas in her basement apartment while her son and his wife's family have Christmas festivities upstairs. It broke our hearts, but we realize that since we're so far away, there's little we can do. We've tried sending letters without our return address on the envelope, etc. to get past her son's scrutiny, but we really don't believe she's getting her mail.

Should we contact the police or social services to do a wellness check on her, or do you have another suggestion? We know she occasionally goes to a senior center in town. Should we write to her in care of the senior center? Your comments are appreciated. – Suspicious In Georgia

"If someone suspects that an older person is being physically, emotionally or financially abused, it should be reported so the matter can be investigated. You can do that by contacting Adult Protective Services in your aunt's state or the National Domestic Violence hotline at thehotline.org or 800-799-7233."

DEAR SUSPICIOUS: Your relative may be having memory issues, or your fears may be genuine. Is it possible to talk with her on the phone or visit her to make an assessment? If someone suspects that an older person is being physically, emotionally or financially abused, it should be reported so the matter can be investigated. You can do that by contacting Adult Protective Services in your aunt's state or the National Domestic Violence hotline at thehotline.org or 800-799-7233.

DEAR ABBY: A few years ago, I found some flirtatious and slightly risque messages between my husband and a female business associate. My husband agreed that they were wrong and says he has discontinued those kinds of conversations. He has stayed in contact with her, and their friendship remains.

After dealing with the hurt for more than two years, I finally told him a few months ago the only way I would be OK with their friendship is if he introduced me to her. He promised he would, but he hasn't followed through. This week I saw on our phone bill that while on a recent business trip he was texting with her late into the night and early in the morning. I confronted him, but he continues to say they are just friends, and he is doing nothing wrong.

I'm heartbroken. I feel he has betrayed my trust. What should I do? – Disrespected In Texas

DEAR DISRESPECTED: Your husband is doing something wrong. He's hurting you and threatening the marriage. What you should do now is ask your doctor or your health insurance company to refer you to a marriage and family therapist, schedule some visits and insist that your husband join you. If he is interested in saving the marriage, he will agree. If not, you may need to reconsider your future and consult an attorney.

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Helping Dad with legal matters isn't easy

Adapted from a recent online discussion.

HI, CAROLYN: My father is having a legal issue (not criminal) and has been asking for my help. I'm a lawyer. I'm sure others manage to help family in this way, but I've found it extremely stressful. He doesn't always tell me the whole situation, is disorganized, doesn't always take my advice, and any call turns into a half-hour rant about his case. He doesn't respect the boundaries I put in place – for example, if something is due on Friday and I say in advance I can't help on Thursday, he will inevitably send it to me on Thursday afternoon, knowing I would never refuse him help.

Carolyn Hax

I'm becoming resentful and frustrated, and it's showing. Any advice? – **Lawyer**

You need to respect your boundaries. If he sends you something on Thursday afternoon, then you need to refuse to do it, as you said. When he starts to rant, interrupt him after X minutes (decide beforehand what your boundary is, but even one minute sounds generous) and tell him you have to go.

The "knowing I would never refuse" is on you, not him, 100 percent.

If you can't see that and fix it, then you need to find him a new attorney.

RE: LAWYER: I'm a lawyer, and happy to be a sounding board and sympathetic ear and to offer minor research or advice. But I don't represent family in court, and wouldn't. Putting that boundary in place has served me well. It's easily explained as an ethics/conflicts issue, depending on your practice area. – **Sympathetic**

DEAR CAROLYN: I became friends (mildly) with my brother's girlfriend "Lauren" during the three years they dated. And so I was saddened (again, mildly) when my brother ended the relationship earlier this year. I actually reached out at one point to tell her I would miss her and wished her well.

She has since stayed in touch at the same rate as before, which until recently I was okay with. However, I now have reason to believe she is trying to use our connection to find a way back into contact with my brother, who has shut down communication channels as part of the moving-on process. For instance, she asked if she could come to a dinner I'm hosting, knowing my brother will be there.

I don't want to put my brother in an uncomfortable position. His reaction when I told him about dinner was to roll his eyes and offer to talk to her if I felt uncomfortable. But as part of an effort to be less weenieish overall, I want to handle it myself. What do you suggest? – **Caught (Mildly)**

A quick, "Ooh, that's not a good idea," would have conveyed all you needed to say. And if she missed the cue: "I'm glad we're friends, but I also believe my brother has a right to family gatherings without his ex-girlfriend there."

Maybe that's not the nicest sequence of words ever strung together, but it's also such a "duh" that you get a little more license to be blunt.

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CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1 Move like lava
5 That guy's
8 Keep — on
12 Makes haste
13 Drink suffix
14 Mr. Sikorsky
15 Grabbed
17 Small lumps
18 "Fish Magic" artist
19 Marbles
21 Sense organ
23 Ben & Jerry rival
24 Maiden
27 Black playing card
31 Like some cats
32 Writer — Bagnold
34 New Age singer
35 Two-piece cookie
37 Ounce fraction
39 Beauty salon item
40 Remains undecided
42 Made level
44 Urge
46 Dog days in Dijon
47 Get equal billing (hyph.)
50 "WNBA Tuesday" airer
53 Woe is me!
54 Golf hazard (2 wds.)
57 Lo-cal
58 Round stopper
59 Bits of thread
60 Flower
61 Evergreen
62 They're often inflated

DOWN
1 Mild interjections
2 Sound piggish
3 Enthusiasm
4 High regard
5 Villain's cry
6 Notion
7 Papyrus is one
8 Antique photograph
9 Fit of shivering
10 Cuts short
11 Almost-grads
16 Halt
20 Mag fillers
22 Tear to bits
24 Be bold
25 Pharaoh's god
26 Trevi Fountain coins once
28 Murray or Rice
29 Did batik
30 Have a bite
31 Popinjay
33 Jazz great — Brubeck
36 Epic journey
38 Rationed out
41 Use hair rollers
43 Snuggle
45 Abominable
47 Ad award
48 Equine fodder
49 Tidy the lawn
51 Goody-goody
52 Metric prefix
53 Mont Blanc
55 Right away
56 Qt. fractions

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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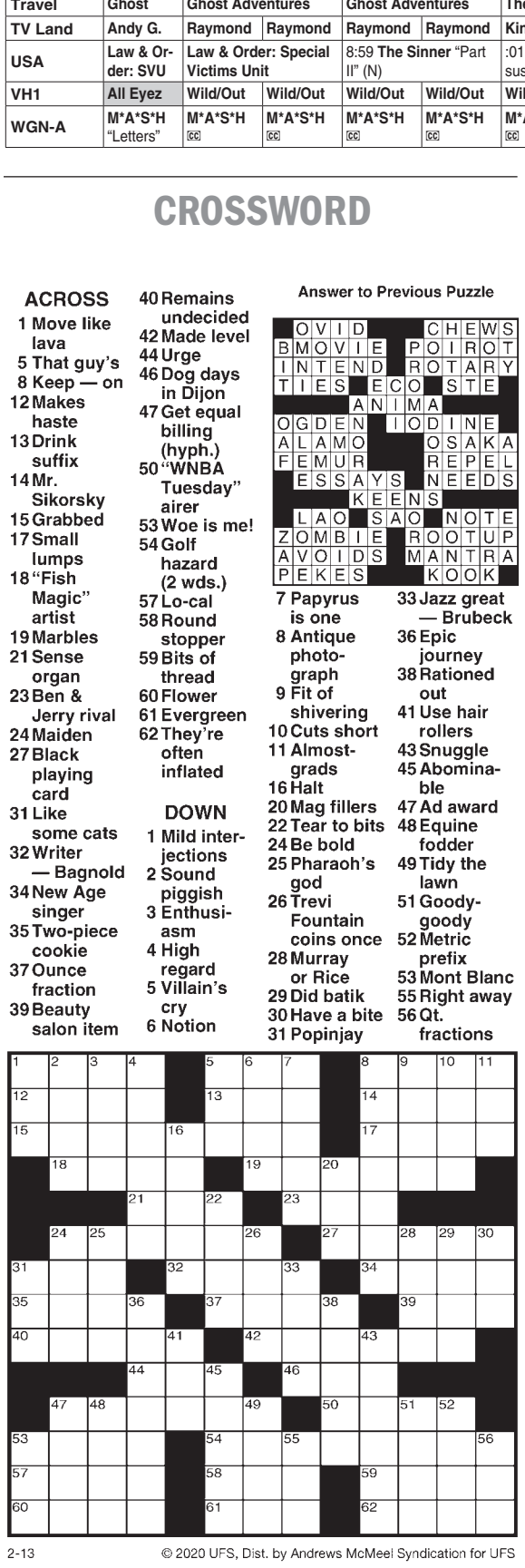

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

NUCKL

TOARI

DIRSUA

YEPDES

Now, most of these holes should average 240 feet in length. However, they are allowed to be as long as 1,000.
Can we play yet?
I know this already.
HE TALKED ABOUT FRISBEE GOLF FOR SO LONG, THAT IT WAS SOUNDING LIKE A ---

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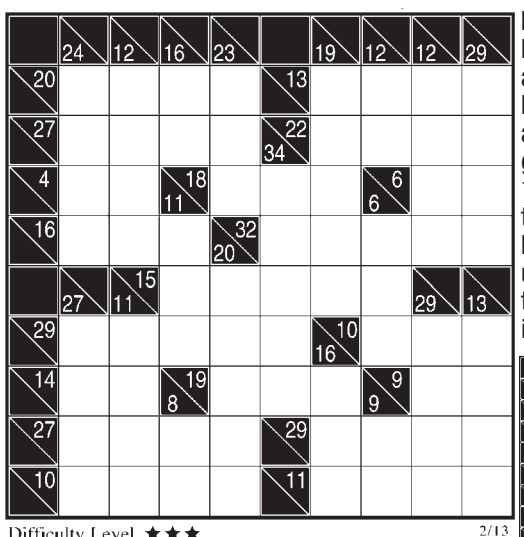
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Print your answer here: _____

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: AFTER UNCUT AFFIRM SESAME
Answer: Illinois chose the slogan "Land of Lincoln" in 1955 in order to honor the respected — STATESMAN

KAKURO



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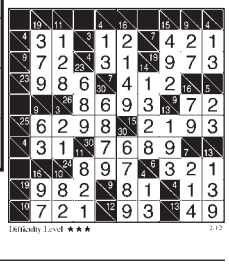
How to play: Numbers above the slash are across clues; numbers below the slash are down clues. The goal is to enter digits 1-9 in the white cells to add up to the number clues. You cannot use any digit more than once when adding up to a clue.



BRIDGE

When did the routine, "After you," "No, after you," start?

The earliest reference I can find is Alphonse and Gaston, two Frenchmen who bowed deeply and never got anything done because each waited for the other. Forty years later, the theme was adopted by Warner Bros.' Goofy Gophers, Mac and Tosh.

Today's deal made me think of that. How should South play in four spades after West leads the trump jack, and East plays the queen?

In the auction, South's one-spade rebid showed four spades and was forcing for one round, not to game. If instead South had jumped to two spades, that would have been fourth-suit game-forcing and denied holding four spades.

Over one spade, North jumped to game with a hand worth 18 support points (16 high-card points and 2 shortage points for the singleton) and having only five losers (one spade, one heart, one diamond and two clubs – you look at only the first three cards in each suit).

Perhaps your first thought is to ruff dummy's club losers in your hand. The play goes: spade king, club ace, club ruff, heart to dummy, club ruff, heart to dummy, club ruff with your last trump, diamond king. But East wins with his ace and returns a heart, West ruffing your ace. Now you have four losers: two spades, one heart (dummy's six) and one diamond.

It is better to establish your diamond suit. At trick two, lead dummy's diamond. And if East ducks (good defense), you say, "No, after you," by leading another diamond and discarding a heart or club from the board. You will lose only two trumps and the diamond ace.

North 02-13-20
♠ A K 5 2
♥ K Q 6 3
♦ 7
♣ A 8 4 3

West
♠ J 10 9 8
♥ 5 4
♦ 6 3
♣ K J 10 7 6

East
♠ Q
♥ J 10 9 8
♦ A 8 5 4 2
♣ Q 9 2

South
♠ 7 6 4 3
♥ A 7 2
♦ K Q J 10 9
♣ 5

Dealer: North
Vulnerable: East-West

South	West	North	East
		1♣	Pass
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

Opening lead: ♠ J

SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★☆☆

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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

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Dems haven't learned anything from 2016

Jonah Goldberg

Things are not going swimmingly for the Democrats right now.

President Trump was acquitted in his impeachment trial, and he gave a State of the Union address that made Democrats feel like the hapless Japanese military as they watched Godzilla stroll through downtown Tokyo. His polling is up to historic highs (though in fairness, Trump's approval rating is historically low for a president's historic highs), and the economy is roaring.

Meanwhile, the only thing that could have made the Iowa caucuses more disastrous would have been an outbreak of the coronavirus. The Democratic candidate the White House fears the most – Joe Biden – appears to be tanking, and the candidate the White House most wants to run against – Bernie Sanders – appears to be pulling out in front.

What's going on?

I have a theory. Or rather, I'm persuaded by a theory I picked up from Denver University professor of political science Seth Masket, author of the forthcoming book "Learning From Loss: The Democrats 2016-2020." The Democrats can't figure out what to do next because they still haven't figured out what really went wrong the last time.

Every four years, one of the parties loses the presidential race. As the party pooh-bahs and political pundits play the blame game, a rough consensus quickly emerges about why the party nominee lost. Sometimes the most self-serving explanation wins out: It was all the candidate's fault. The election was winnable, and our ideas are great, but our nominee just couldn't make the sale.

But sometimes the postmortem is coldly empirical and data-driven. We failed to connect with suburban voters. We didn't turn out our base in Michigan or Ohio. We never came up with a good response to those attacks. And sometimes a consensus emerges that the party itself is ideologically out of touch with a majority of the electorate.

Bill Clinton beat the incumbent president, George H.W. Bush, in 1992 for a number of reasons, but one of the main ones was that the party recognized that its previous two nominees – Walter Mondale and Michael Dukakis – seemed too beholden to special interests and too committed to liberal orthodoxy. Clinton ran as a "different kind of Democrat" who went out of his way to shoot some liberal sacred cows.

Twenty-four years later, his wife was the nominee. Hillary Clinton lost the election but not the popular vote. Were it not for some 78,000 votes in five counties – four in Florida and one in Michigan – Clinton would have won the Electoral College tally as well. Such a close election made it harder to understand what went wrong.

In statistical terms, this is white noise well within the margin of error. You can blame the Russians for Trump's victory, or you can blame the weather, or you can blame Clinton for snubbing the state of Wisconsin. In other words, you can pick whichever theory supports your idea of what the party should do next.

Clinton did not take her defeat well and spent much of 2017 offering self-serving theories about who or what was to blame, from sexist men and self-hating women to voter suppression and fake news to, of course, the Russians. This made a sober accounting of the Democrats' loss even harder.

And then there's the Bernie factor. Sanders lost the primaries in 2016, but it's like he never got the memo. He and his supporters took their surprisingly strong showing to claim a mandate for changes to the party (particularly in Iowa, which is one reason for the disaster there).

There's also the fact that Trump won despite most polls predicting a Clinton victory. This shock, Masket writes, "undermined many activists' longstanding beliefs about just what sorts of candidates are electable."

Add in the fact that the last winning Democratic presidential candidate, Barack Obama, won not by running to the center the way Bill Clinton did but by turbocharging the turnout of the Democratic base, and you can see why many Democrats think that's a winning strategy this time around. That's certainly Sanders' bet. Indeed, for most of the last year, nearly all of the Democratic candidates were fighting in Sanders' lane and working under the same theory.

But Obama won in 2008 thanks in part to a severe economic crisis and an unpopular war. He was also a compelling candidate. None of that applies today. Actually, the situation is something closer to the reverse.

The Democrats desperately need a candidate who gives moderates and Trump-exhausted Republicans an excuse to oust an incumbent in a time of peace and prosperity. The Trump team understands this, which is why it's trying to bury Biden and boost Bernie. Unfortunately for the Democrats, they can't see it.

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LETTERS

Republicans lacked courage in trial

Editor,

Republican senators' acquittal of Donald Trump was the culmination of an orchestrated process to ensure a quick ending to his impeachment "trial." Sen. Mitch McConnell stated from the start that he would work with Trump and his staff to arrive at the president's desired result. The almost completely partisan vote that ended the "trial" blocked a potential gusher of necessary facts that should have been examined through witnesses such as John Bolton and others with knowledge of the president's scheme to extort campaign help from the Ukrainian president by withholding much-needed military aid.

Some Republican senators acknowledged that Trump did what he was accused of doing, but they did not have the courage or integrity to vote for conviction.

Sen. Lisa Murkowski stated that Trump's actions were "shameful and wrong and his personal interests do not take precedence over those of this great nation."

Sen. Marco Rubio stated that Trump's actions met the standard for impeachment.

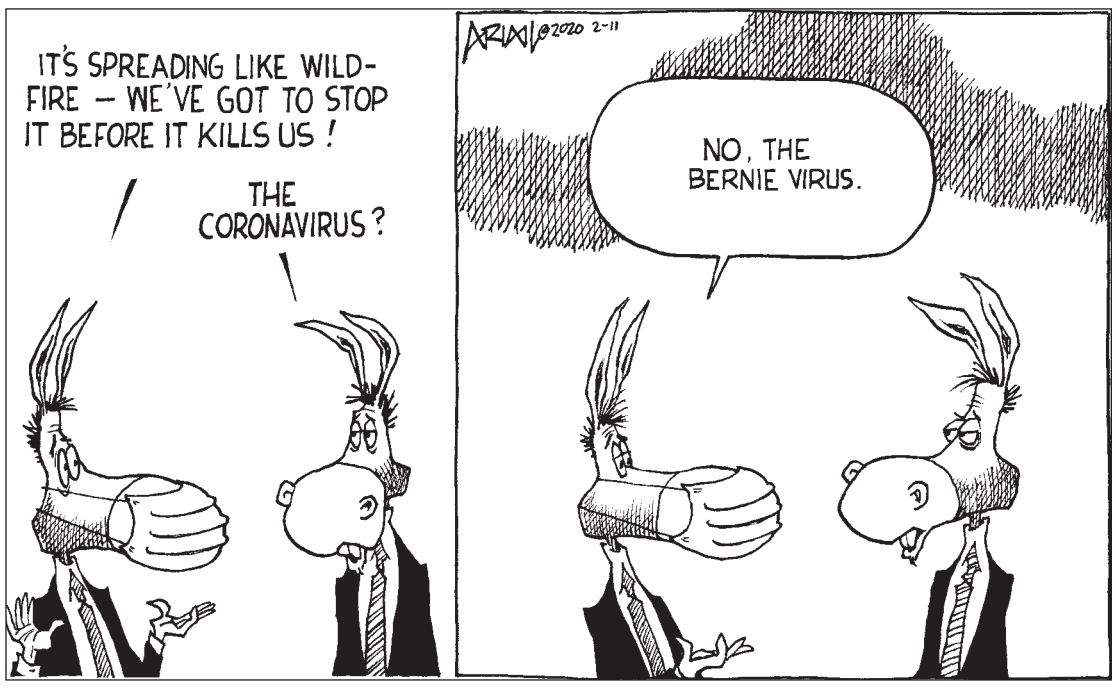
Sen. Lamar Alexander stated that prosecutors proved that Trump had conditioned the release of allocated defense funds to Ukraine on the Ukrainian president's compliance with Trump's request for investigations of a political opponent.

Sen. Susan Collins said that she "hopes that Trump has listened to the many voices in the Senate who have pointed out that the call (with the Ukrainian president) was very problematic."

As the impeached president now berates his accusers and embarks on a path of revenge against those who had the courage and integrity to tell the truth about his actions, the words of the lone GOP senator to vote against acquittal will remain as an indelible stain on his legacy.

Mitt Romney, former presidential standard bearer of the Republican Party, and the only one demonstrating the patriotism to act on the facts, characterized Trump's behavior as "a flagrant assault on our electoral rights, our national security and our fundamental values. The president is guilty of an appalling abuse of public trust."

Don Holmes Buchanan



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Will impeachment play in November?

Byron York

The Democrats who impeached President Trump knew they did not have a prayer of removing him from office. But they also knew impeachment might have another effect – to weaken the president and reduce his chances of winning reelection in November.

It was an unprecedented plan – an election-year gambit in which Democrats used the House of Representatives' constitutional power of impeachment as perhaps the most audacious oppo maneuver of all time.

But will it work? One, will voters even remember impeachment when Election Day comes around in nine months? And two, if they do, which way will impeachment cut? Will it help Democrats, or help the president?

It is often remarked that news is happening at a never-before-seen pace in Trump's Washington. A story that in an earlier era might dominate coverage for weeks is supplanted by an equally big story a day later, and then by another a day after that. It can all blend together and fade in the voters' minds.

On the other hand, impeachment was big. And even if it does fade in memory, Donald Trump himself appears determined to keep it alive.

"The radical left's pathetic partisan crusade has completely failed and utterly backfired," the president told a crowd of 12,000 at a rally in Manchester on the eve of the New Hampshire primary. "While the extreme left has been wasting America's time with this vile hoax, we've been killing terrorists, creating jobs, raising wages, enacting fair trade deals, securing our borders and lifting up citizens of every race, color, religion and creed."

After his "full, complete and absolute total acquittal," Trump will not let voters forget what Democrats did. On the campaign trail in coming months, he will take care to place the Democratic impeachment in the context of his administration's accomplishments, economic and otherwise.

By the way, Trump drew a capacity crowd in New Hampshire, dwarfing any crowd drawn by Democrats in their hotly contested primary. He did the same thing in Iowa just before the caucuses, speaking to a packed house of more than 7,000 in Des Moines.

In Iowa, Trump also put impeachment in the context of his administration's goals: He is doing the country's work, while Democrats are consumed with partisan rage.

"We're having probably the best years that we've ever had in the history of our country – and I just got impeached!" Trump said. "Can you believe these people? I got impeached!"

The president's base is particularly receptive to that message, because they believe strongly that Trump has been the target of unfair treatment in Washington. But look for the president to deliver the same message to all audiences in the campaign: I'm working hard creating jobs, raising wages, keeping us safe, and all Democrats could come up with was impeachment.

Indeed, three of the president's top opponents – Sens. Bernie Sanders, Elizabeth Warren and Amy Klobuchar – all voted to remove him from office. But it has often been noted that neither they, nor any of the other Democratic candidates, make a big deal of impeachment on the campaign trail.

Yes, Democrats wanted Trump removed from office; Democratic support for conviction was sky-high. But voters knew that was not a realistic possibility, so they have consistently placed health care, climate change, gun control and inequality at the top of their list of concerns.

Indeed, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, fresh from pushing impeachment through the House on a partisan vote, recently tweeted that the "three most important issues to America's working families" are: "1) Health care. 2) Health care. 3) Health care."

But don't look for the president and Republicans to allow Pelosi to slip away from impeachment.

"I believe the overtly partisan, fumbling and bumbling fashion with which House Democrats conducted the process will boost GOP/right-of-center voters and demonstrate to progressive/left voters that the Democrats cannot deliver," said veteran Republican strategist David Carney in an email exchange. "Their incompetence in impeachment, the Iowa count and stopping the Trump agenda lowers confidence in establishment Democrats to red-flag levels. Overall, the whole impeachment circus has been a net negative for the Pelosi forces."

It's always possible that could change. Maybe the entire country will move on. But not if Trump can do anything about it. In Des Moines, he told supporters the entire impeachment saga was about Democrats trying to bring him down, one way or another.

"It's not gonna work," he said. "Watch. Just watch."

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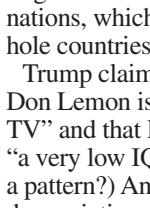
Trump's outreach to black voters

Steve Chapman



At times during his State of the Union address, Donald Trump seemed to be running for president – of the NAACP. In 2016, he asked black voters, "What the hell do you have to lose?" This year, his message amounts to, "You never had it so good."

In his State of the Union address, Trump boasted that the black unemployment is the lowest ever. He cited his signing of a criminal justice reform law. He celebrated "opportunity zones" in poor areas and told a black child in the audience that she would be getting an "opportunity scholarship" to attend a new school.

He announced the promotion of a 100-year-old Tuskegee Airman to brigadier general. He did everything but name Denzel Washington as his running mate.

If Trump is hoping to lure many African Americans into the pale ranks of his followers, though, he would appear to be wasting his time. In 2016, he got just 8 percent of the African American vote, and he has often seemed hellbent on driving that number down to zero, if not lower.

In 2017, this native of Queens said that those who want to remove Confederate statues were "trying to take away our culture" – to which African Americans might have replied, "What do you mean, 'our'?" After violent clashes at a white nationalist rally in Charlottesville in 2017, he affirmed that there were "very fine people on both sides."

He has barely tried to disguise his fixation on pigmentation, demanding to know why the United States takes immigrants from Haiti and some African nations, which he referred to as "s---hole countries," instead of Norway.

Trump claimed that CNN anchor Don Lemon is "the dumbest man on TV" and that Rep. Maxine Waters has "a very low IQ." (Are you noticing a pattern?) And who can forget his denunciation of Colin Kaepernick as a "son of a bitch" for daring to kneel during the national anthem to protest racial inequities.

Still, Republicans insist that he can expand his share of the black vote, which even conventional GOP presidential nominees generally lose by a 9-to-1 margin. Sen. Tim Scott, the only African American Republican member of Congress, told Fox News, "He can be between 14 and 16 percent in 2020." Sure, and Octavia Spencer could win a NASCAR race. A recent Washington Post/Ipsos poll found that African Americans have no trouble detecting the theme of Trump's tenure.

Fully 83 percent of them say he's a racist. Two out of three say it's a "bad time" to be black. Ninety percent disapprove of his performance – and 75 percent disapprove "strongly." Somewhere, David Duke is smiling.

But for once, there is method in Trump's madness. He is reaching out to black voters, but they're not the sole or even main target of this message. Those State of the Union passages, Barack Obama's senior campaign strategist David Axelrod says, were also an effort "to reassure other voters, most notably white women, that he is not the divisive figure they've seen."

One of Trump's objectives is to appease white voters who are open to voting for him but don't want to see themselves as bigots. By highlighting all the things that African Americans should be grateful for, he soothes the consciences of some whites.

Among these are those who voted for Obama and then for Trump. "They may feel uncomfortable when he does things that have a racial element," Keneshia Grant, a Howard University political scientist and author of "The Great Migration and the Democratic Party," tells me. The State of the Union gestures "may be an attempt to take away some of the stigma of what he's done."

There is another way his strategy could help him. In 2016, he won Pennsylvania, Michigan and Wisconsin partly because black voters turned out in lower numbers than they had when Obama was running. He doesn't need African Americans to vote for him. He can also win by getting them to vote for no one.

"It really is about suppressing the black vote more than it is about bringing black voters out to support Trump," Adrianne Shropshire, executive director of Black PAC, told Politico. For this purpose, he doesn't need African Americans to like him. He just needs them to loathe him a little less.

But African Americans haven't survived by being unable to recognize an enemy when they see one.

Whites of goodwill also shouldn't be fooled.

Steve Chapman is a columnist for the Chicago Tribune.

Christian Cowan lives out his childhood fashion dream

By JOHN CARUCCI
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Christian Cowan equates showing his fashion collections with continuously living out a childhood dream.

"I'm always going to be so ecstatic every time I wake up and know I've got a show," Cowan told The Associated Press before his fall-winter collection rolled out Tuesday night at New York Fashion Week.

In a few short years, the 25-year British designer has developed a high-profile fan base within the artistic community. That sits well with him since he said it's musicians and actresses who inspire him in the first place.

Cowan counts Lady Gaga, Beyoncé, and Keke Palmer among celebrities who have embraced his designs. And then there's Cardi B. Cowan dressed the Grammy-winning recording artist for the cover of her debut album, "Invasion of Privacy."

"It was early on and she asked me for a few outfits, and I loved her and loved her personality. … She only had a few tracks then and I loved them. So we loaned her looks and then we just built a friendship and a working relationship," Cowan said.

As for latest collection, Cowan calls it the most evolved he's ever done, right down to the custom fabrics and wide range of accessories.

"We are doing eyewear this season, we've got handbags, there's many more layers. It's just really evolving in its technique. It's just a big wow factor, deep show," Cowan said.

He worked in prints and earth tones rich in gold and brighter greens and put crystal-studded net face masks on some of his models. There was also a fair amount of black and purples. The collection showcased metallic and sequin mini-skirts, including a closing look with a gigantic bow on the back. In addition to bold pops of color, he included a head-to-toe leopard print look.

Charles Sykes / Invision / AP

The Christian Cowan collection is modeled at Spring Studios during NYFW Fall / Winter 2020 on Tuesday in New York.

Cowan said he was inspired by various means of power, from natural and vivid to ritualistic and wealth. He explained some of the ways he chose to depict it: "Fireworks, which are a ceremonial aspect of power, and animal print, and ocelot, which is an animal-wear power."

He's also inspired by the powerful women who wear his designs.

"To see them enjoying my work, and kind of fueling what they do, is always, like, an honor," Cowan said.

While fashion week this time around has been lighter in celebrities than previous years, Cowan drew a few, including singer-songwriter Tinashe and singer Orville Peck. Actress Lisa Rinna and her fashion model daughters, Delilah Belle Hamlin and Amelia Hamlin, were also front row guests.

U.S. survey finds smaller decline in medical bill worries

By TOM MURPHY
Associated Press

The proportion of people in families struggling to pay medical bills is down, but the number isn't dropping like it used to, according to a big government study.

In a 2018 national survey, just over 14 percent of people said they belonged to a family struggling with those bills, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported Wednesday. That's a big drop from nearly 20 percent in 2011 but only slightly less than the proportion who reported the problem in 2016 and 2017.

Researchers cautioned against reading too much into the results, in part because the survey doesn't show important details like income levels or the size of the bills that worry people.

But they said the smaller decline reflects broader health care trends. A big one is a slowdown in growth for the Affordable Care Act's coverage expansions.

The ACA offers subsidized private insurance for people who don't have access to a job-based plan. It also expanded Medicaid coverage in many states. Those expansions started in 2014.

"The gains of the Affordable Care Act kind of plateaued over the past few years and actually, depending on the data source, look like they're eroding a little bit," said Dr. Benjamin Sommers, a Harvard professor of health policy and economics.

He noted that the two biggest factors that determine whether a family struggles with medical bills are insurance coverage and income levels.

The type of coverage matters too. More plans are requiring patients to pay thousands of dollars in deductibles or other out-of-pocket payments.

That can counter some of the gains patients might make in an improving economy, noted Northwestern University economist David Dranove.

Neither Sommers nor Dranove were involved with the CDC study.

Researchers with the CDC's National Center for Health Statistics also found that the percentage of people in families with medical bill worries varied based on factors like race.

More than 20 percent of black respondents were in families with those concerns. That compares with 13 percent of whites, more than 15 percent of those who identified as Hispanic and 7 percent of Asians.

Missteps lead publishing industry to review diversity effort

By HILLEL ITALIE
Associated Press

NEW YORK — As debate rages around "American Dirt," the bestselling novel criticized for its portrait of Mexican life and culture, publishers are pledging to change a historically white industry as critics question whether it can truly transform.

Diversity has been an issue in publishing for years, but perhaps never so urgently as in the past few weeks, when Mexican American authors and others have cited "American Dirt" as evidence of a publishing culture where white voices are valued above others. Critics say flaws in Jeanine Cummins' narrative about a Mexican mother and son fleeing to the U.S. were overlooked by the book's editorial and promotional team and the many writers and booksellers who were early advocates.

"Of course, we've had a lot of conversations, looking at diversity and ways – as we always do – to address the recruitment and publishing of Latinos," says John Sargent, CEO of Macmillan, which released Cummins' novel last month through its Flatiron Books division.

Marketed in part as a new "Grapes of Wrath," the John Steinbeck novel which helped define the Great Depression, "American Dirt" was lauded by an industry that is predominantly white, liberal, anxious to make a profit and eager to make a difference. A book that Cummins and Flatiron had thought would personalize the experience of immigration instead became an example to some of its own distance from the issue.

Publishing executives and editors often shy away from discussing diversity on the record, but Flatiron president and publisher Bob Miller bluntly acknowledged they had not anticipated the "anger that has emerged from members of the Latinx and publishing communities."

"The fact that we were surprised is indicative of a problem, which is that in positioning this novel, we failed to acknowledge our own limits," Miller wrote in a recent press statement.

According to a new study by the multicultural children's publisher Lee & Low, the industry is around 75 percent white, and mostly female. No publisher who spoke to The Associated Press disputed those numbers, which were roughly the same as those in a Lee & Low survey released four years earlier.

"Even though there may be more awareness of diversity issues, the numbers on the industry side aren't really changing," says Lee & Low publisher Jason Low. "It's still a very homogeneous industry, especially in some of the executive and gatekeeping roles."

CEOs including Sargent, Michael Pietsch of Hachette Book Group and Carolyn Reidy of Simon & Schuster say longtime barriers to diversity in publishing include the self-reinforcing networks of a historically white, upper-class industry, and the stress of being the only nonwhite member in a room. The industry's low salaries, "often from $36,000-$40,000 in one of the world's most expensive cities, can also make it hard to retain good people.

"They don't necessarily see a career path. They can get burned out and a little exhausted," says Nicole Johnson, executive director of the activist organization WeNeedDiverseBooks.

Jennifer Baker, an author and editor who in 2014 created the "Minorities in Publishing" podcast, says the book world faces structural issues common to a wide range of industries. Asked if she had seen signs of signs of progress in publishing, she said she saw "no clear pathway to correction, adding that "Bottom line," there won't be "sustainable change" without fully taking on the system itself.

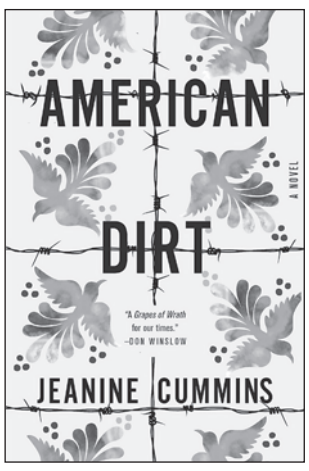
Several publishing executives agreed on a rough outline of industry demographics: Entry level positions, notably in publicity and marketing, are the most diverse, while high-level editorial jobs are more white; employees under 40 are more diverse than those over 40; those who work in children's publishing are more diverse than those in adult books divisions.

"Children's librarians and educators have been at the forefront of urging publishers to diversify the books we offer," Pietsch says.

All of the so-called "Big Five" publishers – Penguin Random House, Simon & Schuster, Hachette, Macmillan and HarperCollins – have for years had diversity efforts, including internships and outreach programs, and in-house initiatives like mentoring and requirements that all job openings include a diverse range of candidates.

In 2019, Penguin Random House announced a "Strategy Plan" with goals including the diversification of employees and a more inclusive work culture. But the publisher faced its own embarrassment last week. It had collaborated with Barnes & Noble on "diverse" editions of such classic literature as "Frankenstein," "The Wizard of Oz" and "Romeo and Juliet" to honor Black History Month, which takes place in February. The covers featured illustrations of the main characters with dark skin, while the texts, mostly by and about white people, were left the same. After widespread criticism online, with many wondering why the publisher and Barnes & Noble didn't simply promote writers of color, the program was canceled.

"These recent events underscore the critical importance of the work we have to continue to do together," says Penguin Random House US CEO Madeline McIntosh, adding that the publisher would "recommit" to a "full range of perspectives, experience, and expertise."



Flatiron Books via AP

This cover image released by Flatiron Books shows "American Dirt," a novel by Jeanine Cummins.

Earlier this week, Myriam Gurba, David Bowles and other prominent critics of "American Dirt" met with Flatiron executives. In a press release issued after the meeting, the writers – members of the activist group #DignidadLiteraria – said Macmillan had committed to developing an "action plan" within 90 days. Sargent declined to offer details but confirmed there was "an agreed upon effort" to address diversity.

Getting it straight

The Herald-Palladium makes every effort to ensure accuracy in its stories.

If you think there is an error, please contact the editor of the page on which it occurred. If you are unsure of whom to contact, call Local News Editor Dale Brewer at 429-3797.

A story in Wednesday's Health Monthly section included the wrong location for a March 10 seminar with Dr. Seth Miller. Due to high attendance numbers, the location has been changed to the large meeting room at Lakeland Hospital, Niles.

OBITUARIES

Jimmie Ray Little

Jan. 3, 1971 – Feb. 11, 2020

Jimmie Ray Little, 49, of St. Joseph passed away on Tuesday, Feb. 11, 2020, at his home.

A celebration of life service will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, Feb. 14, at Starks & Menchinger Chapel, 2650 Niles Road, St. Joseph, with Pastor Dean Pickett officiating. Burial will follow in Hickory Bluff Cemetery. Friends may visit with the family from 11 a.m. until the time of service Friday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Humane Society of Southwestern Michigan. Those wishing to leave an online condolence may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Jimmie was born on Jan. 3, 1971, to Jimmie and Melba (Hall) Little in St. Joseph. He attended Bridgman High School. Starting at the age of 15, Jimmie worked as a mason and soon started his own business called JR Masonry. In 1992, he met the love of his life, Crystal Keith, and married her on May 18, 2002, in St. Joseph. Jimmie enjoyed spending his time watching NASCAR, working on cars and boating. He also enjoyed tending to his plants and his beautiful aquariums. Most of all, Jimmie loved to spend his time with his family.

Jimmie is survived by his wife, Crystal Little, of St. Joseph; daughters, Kayla Little of St. Joseph and Lauren Little of St. Joseph; grandchildren, Prayson and Landon Little; loyal dogs, "his boys," Bo and Duke; father, Jimmie Little of St. Joseph; mother, Melba Little of Stevensville; sister, Sherry (Mark) Feldten of Coloma; nieces, Allison (Nick Obermesik) Feldten, Emily Feldten, Kendra Cooper, Carrina Cooper and Kristen Cooper; great-niece and nephew, Willow and Tate Cooper; mother-in-law, Carolyn Keith; and sister-in-law, Renee (Kenny) Cooper.

Jimmie was preceded in death by his grandparents, Mavis and JB Hall; grandfather, Leonard Little; uncle, Chip Balkin; father-in-law, Ferlin Keith; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Death notices

Clarence Barnes, 79, of Chicago died Feb. 8, 2020. Brown Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Niles, 683-1155.

Dena Mary Blay-Stroba, 80, of Stevensville died Feb. 12, 2020, at home. Purely Cremations – Starks Family Funeral Homes and Cremation Services, Benton Harbor, 926-9440.

Jimmie Ray Little, 49, of St. Joseph died Feb. 11, 2020, at home. Starks & Menchinger Chapel and Cremation Services, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Betty Opfer, 78, of Niles died Feb. 11, 2020. Brown Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Niles, 683-1155.

New Yorkers are dying from air pollution caused by other states

By LESLIE KAUFMAN
Bloomberg News (TNS)

NEW YORK — Roughly half of deaths related to poor air quality in the United States occur in states where the pollution did not originate, according to a study released Wednesday in the journal Nature. The study found that New York experienced the largest number of premature deaths from air pollution created outside the state – 3,800 in 2018. Wyoming most consistently produced pollution that affected the heath of those in other states. North Dakota and West Virginia were also found to be offenders.

Although it's been well known for some time that cross-state air pollution is damaging – particularly on the East Coast, where pollution travels from the Rust Belt because of air current patterns – the study by researchers at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology is the first to quantify the premature mortality effects.

"The numbers of deaths that are due to cross-state pollution are much bigger than anything we thought," said Steven Barrett, the principal researcher on the paper who is a professor of aeronautics and astronautics at MIT.

Current air pollution regulation allows largely for local regulation of local sources, said Tracey Holloway, a professor at University of Wisconsin-Madison who studies air quality but did not work on the study. "Each state can do a ton to control air pollution within their own borders, but they only have bits and pieces to address air pollution coming from other states."

A slew of recent scientific studies have shed new light on the negative impacts of air pollution on human health. However, estimates of annual deaths can vary widely depending on variables and the methodology of the study. The MIT researchers focused on pollution that comes from combustion, such as car and truck engines, power plants, and home heating and cooling units. They aimed not only to estimate deaths from cross-state air pollution but to break down the pollution impacts by each of these sectors.

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DO YOU REMEMBER?

25 years ago – 1995

Carol Brandt of St. Joseph sent away for tickets to a taping of a teleivsion game show on a lark and came home the owner of a new car. She was planning a trip to visit her sister in Southern California, and thought she'd take a chance to get on the "Price is Right."

She left behind a 9-year-old vehicle with 160,000 miles and returned with a new 1995 Mercury Tracer.

35 years ago – 1985

"J.W. Tiscornia started Auto Specialties Manufacturing Co. 75 years ago by introducing a holder for canvas car tops," said Lester Tiscornia, Ausco board chairman and Tiscornia's nephew. In the early 1920s, car makers dropped the production of touring cars for hardtop models and Ausco then turned to the output of malleable iron castings.

Ausco's actual 75th anniversary was last year. But it formally marked the occasion Jan. 29 when it received a Certificate of Special Tribute from Gov. James Blanchard.

50 years ago – 1970

Tickets have been put on sale at nine stores in the Twin Cities to hear Dr. Benjamin Spock, nationally known baby doctor-turned war critic, at Benton Harbor High School on Feb. 20.

Spock is currently on a nationwide speaking tour for the Civil Liberties Legal Defense Fund, an organization designed to raise money for the legal defense of draft objectors. Tickets are $1.50.

TODAY IN HISTORY

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Thursday, Feb. 13, the 44th day of 2020. There are 322 days left in the year.

Highlight in history:

On Feb. 13, 1945, during World War II, Allied planes began bombing the German city of Dresden. The Soviets captured Budapest, Hungary, from the Germans.

On this date:

In 1935, a jury in Flemington, New Jersey, found Bruno Richard Hauptmann guilty of first-degree murder in the kidnap-slaying of Charles A. Lindbergh Jr., the 20-month-old son of Charles and Anne Lindbergh. (Hauptmann was later executed.)

In 1974, Nobel Prize-winning Russian author Alexander Solzhenitsyn was expelled from the Soviet Union.

In 1991, during Operation Desert Storm, allied warplanes destroyed an underground shelter in Baghdad that had been identified as a military command center; Iraqi officials said 500 civilians were killed.

In 2002, John Walker Lindh pleaded not guilty in federal court in Alexandria, Va., to conspiring to kill Americans and supporting the Taliban and terrorist organizations. (Lindh later pleaded guilty to lesser offenses and was sentenced to 20 years in prison. He was released in September 2019 after serving 17 years of that sentence.)

In 2016, Justice Antonin Scalia, the influential conservative and most provocative member of the U.S. Supreme Court, was found dead at a private residence in the Big Bend area of West Texas; he was 79.

5-Day Forecast for St. Joseph

Today	Tonight	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
Snow Showers Likely	Snow Showers Likely	Mostly Cloudy	Chance Snow	Mostly Cloudy	Rain & Snow Possible
29°	14°	18° / 8°	34° / 26°	32° / 24°	41° / 33°

Local Outlook

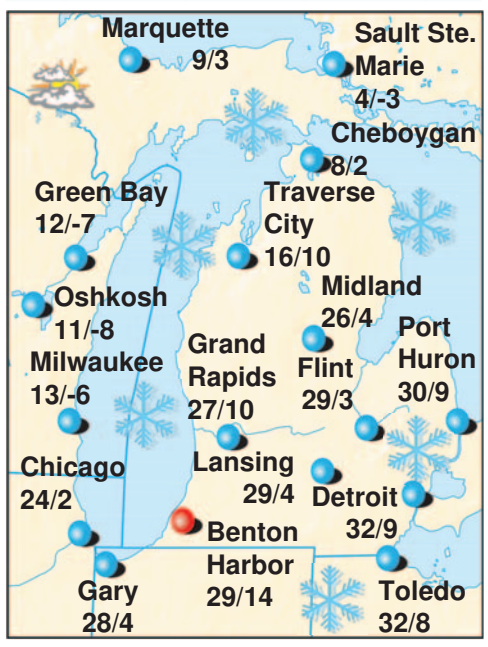
Today we will see cloudy skies with a 95% chance of snow showers, high temperature of 29°, humidity of 86%. West northwest wind 6 to 18 mph. New snow accumulation between one to two inches possible.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise ..... 7:45 a.m.
Sunset ..... 6:15 p.m.
Moonrise ..... 11:48 p.m.
Moonset ..... 10:32 a.m.

Last	New	First	Full
2/15	2/23	3/2	3/9

Regional Map



Local Almanac

Benton Harbor Yesterday

Temperature

High	36°
Low	23°
Normal High	34°
Normal Low	19°
Record High	50° in 2017
Record Low	-9° in 2014

Precipitation

Yesterday	0.00"
Month to date	0.21"
Normal for month	0.59"
Year to date	4.07"
Normal Year to date	2.34"

Air Quality

Yesterday 49
Main Offender ..... Particles

The higher the number, the greater the need for people with respiratory problems to reduce outside activity.

0-50 ..... Good
51-100 ..... Moderate
101-150 .... Sensitive
151-200 ... Unhealthy

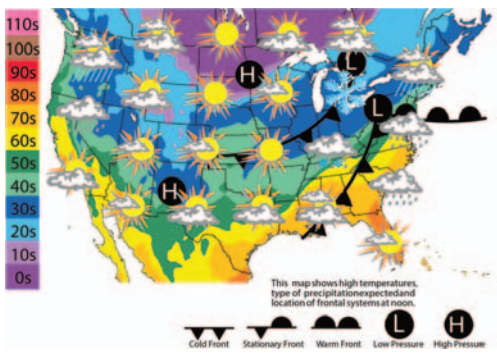
Weather Trivia

What is a column of hail that falls from a single thunderstorm cell called?

Answer: Hailshaft.

National Weather Map

Forecast map for Feb. 13, 2020



For latest weather updates: **www.UpdatedWx.com/HP**

Lake Michigan

Today, NNW wind 22 to 25 kt. Periods of snow showers. Widespread freezing spray. Waves 4 ft building to 9 ft. Water temperature 36 degrees. Tonight, NW wind 13 to 18 kt.

Michigan Forecast

Upper Peninsula

Today, skies will be mostly cloudy to cloudy with widespread snow showers, highs in the single digits and 10s. South southwest wind 8 to 15 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies Friday with highs in the 10s. West southwest wind 2 to 7 mph.

Lower Peninsula

Today, skies will be cloudy with widespread snow showers, highs in the 20s and 30s. West northwest wind 6 to 18 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies Friday with highs in the 10s and 20s. West southwest wind 8 mph.

Fall in new cases raises hope in virus outbreak in China

By KEN MORITSUGU
Associated Press

BEIJING — The number of new cases of the coronavirus in China dropped for a second straight day, health officials said Wednesday in a possible glimmer of hope amid the outbreak that has infected over 45,000 people worldwide and killed more than 1,100.

Dr. Mike Ryan, the head of emergencies for the World Health Organization, said it is "way too early to try to predict the beginning of the end" of the crisis in China. But he said: "The stabilization in cases in the last number of days is very reassuring and it is to a great extent the result of the huge public health operation in China."

China has locked down an unprecedented 60 million people in an effort to curb the spread of the virus, which has hit hardest in the city of Wuhan and surrounding Hubei province.

The country's National Health Commission said 2,015 new cases were counted on Tuesday, the second straight daily decline and down from nearly 3,900 a week ago. Commission spokesman Mi Feng said the situation is still grim but "we have seen some positive changes."

WHO director-general Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said in Geneva that the numbers "must be interpreted with extreme caution," adding: "This outbreak could still go in any direction." At the same time, he noted that the number of other countries reporting cases – about two dozen – has not changed since Feb. 4.

All but one of the deaths recorded so far have been in China, as have more than 99 percent of all reported infections in the world.

"In principle at the moment, there's no evidence out there that this virus is out there causing efficient community transmission in other countries," Ryan said. "We have a window of opportunity to shut this virus down."

At the end of a two-day meeting aimed at speeding the development of new tests, drugs and vaccines for the new virus, WHO said scientists had agreed upon a set of global research priorities but warned it could still take considerable time before any licensed products might be available.

In other developments:

Kin Cheung / AP

A customer has lunch with a transparent plastic panel setup on the table to isolate her from others in hopes of stopping the spread of the coronavirus in a Hong Kong restaurant on Wednesday.

Economic fallout

Chinese President Xi Jinping promised tax cuts and other aid to industry as the ruling Communist Party tries to limit the mounting damage to the economy.

The country is struggling to restart its economy after the annual Lunar New Year holiday was extended to try to keep people home and contain the virus. Traffic remained light in Beijing, and many people were still working at home.

Companies are facing increasing losses because of the closing of factories, offices, shops and other businesses in the most sweeping anti-disease measures ever imposed.

A large cluster of cases in Tianjin, a port city southeast of Beijing, has been traced to a department store, Chinese state media said. One-third of Tianjin's 104 confirmed cases are in Baodi district, where the store is situated, the Xinhua News Agency reported.

A salesperson in the store's home appliance section was the first diagnosed on Jan. 31, Xinhua said, and a series of cases followed. None of those infected had visited Wuhan recently, and with the exception of one married couple, they worked in different sections of the store and did not know one another.

Meanwhile, organizers of the world's biggest mobile technology fair – the annual Mobile World Congress show, set for Feb. 24-27 in Barcelona, Spain – canceled the event because of worries about the viral outbreak.

The decision came after dozens of tech companies and wireless carriers dropped out, including Nokia, Vodafone, Ericsson, Nokia, Sony, Amazon, Intel and LG. The extravaganza had been expected to draw more than 100,000 visitors from about 200 countries, including 5,000 to 6,000 from China.

Elsewhere around the world, DBS bank in Singapore cleared its office, telling 300 employees to work from home after it learned that an employee had been infected. The city-state has 50 confirmed cases. And a Formula One race in Shanghai in April was added to the list of canceled events.

Citizen journalist disappears

A citizen journalist reporting on the epidemic in Wuhan has disappeared, activists said, becoming the second to vanish in recent days amid tightening controls on information in China.

Fang Bin, a seller of traditional Chinese clothing, stopped posting videos or responding to calls and messages on Sunday, activists Gao Fei and Hua Yong said, citing Fang's friends. His phone was turned off Wednesday.

Fang had posted videos of Wuhan's overcrowded hospitals, including bodies in a van waiting to be taken to a crematorium. The last video he posted was of a piece of paper reading, "All citizens resist, hand power back to the people."

Another citizen journalist, Chen Qiushi, vanished on Friday. Non-sanctioned reporting on the outbreak by activists is challenging the Communist Party's tightly policed monopoly on information on an unprecedented scale.

Cruise ship woes

Passengers aboard a cruise ship that has been barred from docking by four governments may finally set foot on land again.

Holland America Line said the MS Westerdam will arrive Thursday morning in Sihanoukville, Cambodia. The ship has been turned away by the Philippines, Taiwan, Japan and Thailand, though its operator said no cases of the disease have been confirmed among the more than 2,200 passengers and crew.

And in Japan, 39 new cases were confirmed on a cruise ship quarantined at Yokohama, bringing the total to 174 aboard the Diamond Princess.

Two Russians flee quarantine

Two Russian women who were kept in isolation for possible infection by the virus say they escaped from Russian hospitals because of uncooperative doctors, poor conditions and fear they would become infected.

Both women were hospitalized after returning from Hainan, a tropical island in China popular with Russian tourists. One said she jumped out of a hospital window to escape her quarantine, while the other broke out by disabling an electronic lock.

Two cases of the virus have been reported in Russia.

LULU

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The story was relayed to police well after the fact after Tonda Genther, owner of Pet Klips in Wayland, heard the story. Genther also organizes a group of people who foster dogs until they can be adopted.

Genther said a couple brought the Chihuahua, dubbed "Lucky Lulu," to her on Tuesday, saying they witnessed the animal abuse a couple weeks ago. Genther said the couple told her that the other five Chihuahuas died and that they buried them. They told her they didn't report the incident to police because they were going to keep the surviving Chihuahua, but then discovered that they couldn't.

"As soon as I heard what happened, I told them I had to report it to the police," she said.

Larsen said they are in the process of trying to find the bodies of the five buried Chihuahuas to be used as evidence. He said deputies have been given a couple of different dates as to when the chihuahuas were thrown from the van.

When asked whether there is a chance the story is a hoax, Larsen said, "Our investigation will be to determine the true facts of this case."

Meanwhile, Genther said the dog is doing very well with her foster mom, though it is apparent that she's been abused.

"She's going to be staying with (us) for a couple of weeks so (we) learn what her needs are," she said. "... We want her to go to a home where she is loved."

Genther estimated the Chihuahua is between 1 and 3 years of age and weighs about 5 pounds. They plan to take the dog to a veterinarian Monday for shots and to have her further checked out.

Genther said they have received so many applications from people wanting to adopt the Chihuahua that they are not accepting any more.

Anyone with information related to this case is asked to call the Allegan County Sheriff's Office at 673-3899 or Allegan County Silent Observer at 1-800-554-3633. More information is on the Allegan County Sheriff's Office's Facebook page.

Contact: lwrege@TheHP.com, 932-0361, Twitter: @HPWrege

ELECTION

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basements," Faul said.

Commissioners are considering a millage request during the November election. The reduced proposal is projected to cost roughly $21 million.

Back in 2017 voters rejected a $32 million bond election by a better than two-to-one margin. That consisted of a jail addition, a court building, plus renovating the buildings in the courthouse square. The proposal was 0.7-mills for 20 years.

In other matters, commissioners set a public hearing for their Feb. 25 meeting for a $100,000 Michigan Site Readiness Grant to plan for the development of an 85-acre industrial site in the village of Mattawan.

"Mattawan is contributing money as well," said Zachary Morris, executive director of Market Van Buren, a subsidiary of Kinexus Group of Benton Harbor.

The property is located southwest of the Mattawan exit on I-94. The northern portion is the former Formula K recreation park. The entire property is owned by the same person, according to Morris.

"Adjacent to the 85-acre site is the county's largest employer, Charles River Laboratories (formerly MPI Research), with 1,700 employees," according to the grant application. "Charles River Laboratories acquired MPI Research as part of a dynamic corporate acquisition strategy and has set forth an aggressive 10-year growth plan for its Mattawan operating unit. This plan includes the addition of 3,000 jobs and an increase in facilities by 1 million square feet, resulting in expected revenue growth up to one billion dollars."

"With this grant," it continued, "Mattawan and Market Van Buren can better position the adjacent 85-acres to build on this planned growth. Charles River Laboratories' projected growth, in conjunction with the development of the countywide Economic Development Improvement Plan, presents a clear opportunity to develop the 85-acre site. The goal is to attract similar life sciences companies who may be suppliers, complementary businesses, and spin-off companies. By designing and marketing the 85-acre park for synergistic businesses, economies of scale become evident via industry clustering and an ever-increasing location quotient for similar industries."

In other matters, commissioners approved an agreement to allow the reality show "LivePD" to ride with Van Buren County sheriff's deputies and film their activities, contracted with Grand Rapids-based Andy J. Egan Company to install a new HVAC system for jail cells 3-9 for $415,000, and pledged $5,000 toward a federal TIGER (Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery) Grant application to study connecting the Amtrak railroad line that goes through Bangor and New Buffalo to the east-west track that goes through New Buffalo, but does not connect until Chicago.

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LINCOLN TWP.

Lincoln continues Glenlord Beach revetment work

By TONY WITTKOWSKI
HP Staff Writer

STEVENSVILLE — Lincoln Township is paying another $33,000 to combine two revetment projects to further protect the disappearing Glenlord Beach shoreline.

After completing several upgrades to Glenlord Beach Park last year, trustees on Tuesday agreed to pay Oselka for additional revetment work.

Supervisor Dick Stauffer said the township was granted $500,000 from the state to upgrade the park and slow down the decreasing shoreline.

"Mother Nature wasn't kind, as she hasn't been kind to a lot of people," Stauffer said. "The high-water levels have affected our Glenlord Park Bluff."

Half of that $500,000 was used on revetment work along Glenlord Beach up to a property just north of the public property.

Stauffer said the northern neighbor had not done any revetment work until recently. Since the neighbor had also hired Oselka, the township was able to spend another $33,000 to connect the two revetment projects.

"It is touch and go. Our park is within 7 or 8 feet from the edge of the bluff now," Stauffer said. "It's not a pretty site down there. When we finished the first part of the revetment work, we must of had 50 feet between the edge of the park and the bluff."

The timeline isn't set in stone yet as far as when the two revetment projects will be connected, Stauffer said.

Oselka told township officials that they are in the process of "saving houses." However, the company intends to get to the township's revetment work within 30 days.

"We don't want to lose our park, but at the same time, it's important that other homes are tended to," Stauffer said.

Previous work at Glenlord

The township began work on Glenlord Beach Park last spring.

The project, estimated to cost more than $600,000, was mostly paid for through a 2017 Michigan Department of Transportation grant worth $500,000.

The project featured a major revamping of the park.

Work included tearing down the overlook structure and adding a pavilion. The driveway and parking area was moved back, which decreased the number of parking spaces.

Though the area is called Glenlord Beach Park, the name is now considered a misnomer due to erosion.

Decades ago there was a beach below the bluff. Lincoln Township, using state and federal grants plus matching local money, built the deck and an elaborate stairway down to the beach in 1984.

But soon afterwards Lake Michigan water levels rose dramatically and claimed the beach.

According to a 2010 Herald-Palladium article, the township had twice replaced the stairway due to damage caused by erosion and harsh winter ice. Eventually the township closed the stairway and gated off access down the bluff.

The next board meeting is at 7 p.m. on March 17 at Lincoln Township Hall. The meeting was moved from the second Tuesday of the month because Michigan's presidential primary election falls on March 10.

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Don Campbell / HP file photo

Lincoln Township is paying $33,000 to connect revetment projects along Glenlord Beach.

Hagar Township fire

Don Campbell / HP staff

Firefighters work the scene of a residential structure fire at 2600 Riverside Road in Hagar Township early Wednesday afternoon. Multiple departments responded to the fire. No other information was available Wednesday regarding the fire, which is believed to have started in the garage.

RESA board pleased with new superintendent

Contract still has to be agreed upon

By RALPH HEIBUTZKI
HP Correspondent

BERRIEN SPRINGS — The choices weren't easy ones, but the Berrien Regional Education Service Agency Board decided it was time for an outside perspective.

That's how Berrien RESA Board President Cathy Bair summarized the board's decision earlier this week to hire Lapeer Community Schools Superintendent Matt Wandrie, who'll replace retiring Superintendent Kevin Ivers, on July 1.

"He has a wealth of experience bringing community partners, parents, citizens and students together, with developing organizational goals – and we believe that his expertise will help us, as we develop new goals," Bair said. "We're nearing the end of a five-year (strategic) plan, and so, we're just about ready to start a new plan."

WANDRIE

The board chose Wandrie after hearing presentations from him and its other finalist, Berrien RESA Assistant Superintendent Eric Hoppstock, about what they expected to do during their first 90 days in office.

Both were chosen after first round interviews last week, in which the board eliminated its third finalist, Lakeview Public Schools Superintendent Blake Prewitt.

"He (Wandrie) spoke about how he would do things with the board, the staff, the local superintendents, with legislators – people he would meet with, listen and go out into the community, just really getting to know everything, before taking any action," Bair said.

Hoppstock sounded similar themes in his own presentation, "because the (current) board is relatively new – (about) how he would work with them," she added.

The Michigan Leadership Institute conducted the search for the district. Ivers will retire on June 30, when the current school year ends. He's led the district since 2010.

Wandrie, of Oxford, has been Lapeer's superintendent since July 2011. He came there from Dearborn Public Schools, where he served as director of human resources, the board's release states. He's worked as an athletic coach, assistant

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SOUTH HAVEN SCHOOLS

WMU professor to lead seminar next week

Topic is dealing with students suffering from trauma

By BECKY KARK
For The Herald-Palladium

SOUTH HAVEN — Three organizations and South Haven Public Schools will be working together next week to help teacher and parents better understand how to better cope with children who have behavioral issues, especially ones associated with trauma.

The Parent Teacher Seminar takes place next Wednesday and Thursday, Feb. 19 and 20, and will be led by Jim Henry, a professor of social work at Western Michigan University and director of the Children's Trauma Assessment Center at WMU.

"Dr. Henry is a dynamic speaker who engages his audience and inspires them to change how they think about children's behavior, hence changing their own behavior as they attempt to care for, help and teach children," said Mary Blashill, who is a social worker and member of South Haven Kiwanis Club, who helped organize the seminar along with Sheryl Postma of Hope Parent Network and Sherry Bennett, Great Start Collaborative coordinator for Van Buren Intermediate School District.

Carey Frost, curriculum director for South Haven Public Schools, said she was very receptive when the three groups approached the district about setting up a seminar to help both teachers and parents dealing with youngsters suffering from trauma and other issues that affect their behavior at home and in the classroom.

"It is necessary for schools to offer 'wrap around' student services to ensure physical wellness and mental health, so SHPS has provided several staff trainings as part of a 'whole child' initiative," Frost said. "A few of the trainings that have been offered to staff over the past two years include strategies to de-escalate student behavior, interventions that can be used to help students overcome challenging behaviors associated with childhood trauma, and the effects that poverty has on student success in school. While we regularly provide programs for parents related to academics, this will be the first program specifically related to mental health and behavior."

The first day of the seminar will be targeted toward elementary school teachers and staff.

"There will be about 80 teachers and staff," Blashill said. The seminar will take place at South Haven High School and will include a lunch, courtesy of the South Haven Kiwanis Club.

That Thursday will be targeted toward parents and children. The seminar will be from 5 p.m.-8 p.m. at Lincoln Elementary School and will consist of a dinner and seminar by Henry. While parents listen to the seminar their children can take part in a variety of activities.

Although the district often offers in-service training for teachers, it doesn't always include parents. But including parents is important, Frost thinks.

"We believe that the school district should play a major role in supporting our students and their families outside of school," she said. "Our goal is to be a resource for parents in their quest to create supportive, nurturing home environments for

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ORONOKO TWP.

Funding formula for Honor Credit Union sewer project changes

By DEBRA HAIGHT
HP Correspondent

BERRIEN SPRINGS — The Honor Credit Union sewer extension project is moving forward, but how it is being funded has changed. Oronoko Township Supervisor Mike Hildebrand told board members Tuesday about the changes, as members took a number of votes related to the project.

The sewer extension project has been in the works for several months with township officials working with Honor Credit Union to get sewer lines extended to the northwest side of the U.S. 31/M-139 interchange. Honor wanted the sewer line extension as part of the expansion of their headquarters on Edgewood Drive.

Hildebrand said a dispute between the township and Berrien Springs village attorneys over granting sewer connection credits led the township to adjust the funding formula. He said the goal is to start work on the project while there is a favorable construction bid on the table instead of spending time and money on lawyers.

The new funding formula has only Honor Credit Union and Oronoko Township providing the money for the project. Previously, the Kerlikowske family had agreed to participate and give $150,000. They have now stepped back after the connection credits were withdrawn and will not contribute.

The initial funding plan had Honor paying $1 million, Oronoko $350,000 and the Kerlikowskes $150,000.

Hildebrand said that Honor and the township will now be the only two entities funding the project. He noted that neither party will actually have to pay more than they originally planned, thanks to the low bid coming in more than a third below estimates.

The township's engineering firm, Wightman, had anticipated a price tag of $1.5 million, but the low bid from B & Z Company came in $973,160. Wightman representative Dan Yerks said the low bid was a "pleasant surprise," and likely is the result of getting nine competitive bidders.

Hildebrand said the new funding breakdown – which gives no connection credits – has Honor paying $652,261 and the township paying $320,899. In addition, the village of Berrien Springs will give the township $68,598 – the amount of the connection credits Honor would have gotten – to go toward the development of the township's new community park on Snow Road.

Action taken by board members Tuesday, besides accepting the B & Z bid, included approving a second amendment to the township's wastewater service agreement with the village, approving the sewer extension agreement with Honor Credit Union and setting up a new account for the sewer extension project funding.

Board members also introduced an amendment to the township's sewer ordinance and will vote on that amendment in March. The board's March meeting will be Wednesday, March 11, due to the March 10 presidential primary election.

The township will establish a commercial rehabilitation district for the area around Honor Credit Union by holding a public hearing at the March 11 meeting. They will then vote in April about granting a commercial rehabilitation tax break for Honor. If approved, it will allow Honor to qualify for a 10-year tax break to help it pay for part of their costs.

2 Covert men face drug-related charges after vehicle stop

By HP STAFF

COVERT TOWNSHIP — Two Covert Township men face a number of drug-related charges after police say they found heroin in their vehicle.

Their arrest follows an investigation into the alleged sale and distribution of heroin in the city of South Haven, South Haven Township and Covert Township, according to Van Buren County Sheriff Daniel Abbott.

While sheriff's detectives were conducting surveillance Tuesday on the vehicle driven by the 56-year-old suspect, they asked South Haven Police to bring their K9 team to the location of the vehicle.

At 3:10 p.m. investigators stopped the vehicle in the 24000 block of M-1140 Highway in Covert Township. In searching the vehicle they found four bundles of suspected heroin.

Both the 56-year-old driver and a 28-year-old passenger were arrested.

The driver was arrested for possession of heroin and violating parole, while the passenger was arrested for possession with intent to deliver heroin and an outstanding warrant.

The incident is being forwarded to the Van Buren County Prosecutor's office for review.

VB County weather spotter training session planned

By HP STAFF

BLOOMINGDALE — Van Buren County residents who would like to assist the National Weather Service in tracking the development of severe weather are being invited to take part in a training session.

The Van Buren County Sheriff's Department, its Office of Domestic Preparedness and the National Weather Service are sponsoring a SKYWARN training session from 2-4 p.m., Saturday, March 14 at Bloomingdale High School's auditorium, 629 E. Kalamazoo St.

SKYWARN is a volunteer program with nearly 290,000 trained severe weather spotters throughout the United States, according to Lt. Bob Kirk, director of the Van Buren County Office of Domestic Preparedness. The volunteers help keep their local communities safe by providing timely and accurate reports of severe weather to the National Weather Service.

Although SKYWARN spotters provide information for all types of weather hazards, the main responsibility of a SKYWARN spotter is to identify and describe severe local storms. In the average year, 10,000 severe thunderstorms, 5,000 floods and more than 1,000 tornadoes occur across the United States, threatening lives and property.

During the SKYWARN training session, participants will learn the basics of thunderstorm development, the fundamentals of storm structure, how to identify potential several weather features, what information to report and how to report information.

Since the program started in the 1970s, the information provided by SKYWARN spotters, coupled with Doppler radar technology, improved satellite and other data, has enabled the National Weather Service to issue more timely and accurate warnings for tornadoes, severe thunderstorms and flash floods.

The National Weather Service is encouraging such people as HAM radio operators, police and fire personnel, dispatches, EMS workers, public utility workers and other citizens to take the SKYWARN training.

Individuals affiliated with hospitals, schools, churches, nursing homes or who have a responsibility for protecting others are also encouraged to become a spotter.

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principal, athletic director, high school teacher and principal.

Wandrie also fit the closest to the 10 qualities that the district wanted to see in its new superintendent, Bair said.

Those qualities included a track record of progressive leadership, strong communications skills, understanding of the district's vision and mission, and an ability to show forward thinking, and solve problems.

Those qualities emerged from a series of focus group sessions held last December.

The similarities in both presentations made the choice a difficult one for the board – but the variety of Wandrie's experience, and his status as someone coming from outside the district, earned him its nod, Bair said.

"We could not go wrong with either candidate – that's what the board felt, and in fact, with the third candidate (Prewitt), that we had, also," Bair said. "We had three excellent candidates. I think some board members felt it was his out of district experience (that made him the right candidate)."

Overall, Bair said that she and her fellow board members are satisfied with how the search turned out.

"We went about it the right way, with making sure that it was an open search and that everybody had a chance to apply who wanted to, and that we had good interviews and lots of input from the community. We've done everything we could to find the right person."

Hoppstock will remain in his current role and focus on helping Wandrie get acclimated as his starting date moves closer, Bair said.

"Eric was very gracious and will do everything he can help the (new) superintendent, and the district, be successful," she said.

The board will now turn toward negotiating Wandrie's new contract. Bair didn't know yet how long that effort will take, but doesn't see the board calling a special meeting to approve it.

"I would think we would wait till the next regular meeting," she said.

SEMINAR

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their children."

Blashill said she was pleased that the organizations could partner with the school district to offer the seminar for teachers and parents.

"Teachers, parents, other people caring for children, and the children themselves are often stymied when it comes to understanding children's challenging behaviors," Blashill said. "Inability to listen, follow directions, focus on an activity, or respond appropriately to physical or verbal confrontation are frequently interpreted as intentional behavior rather than the inability of the child to cope with the stress of their situation. It is very important for all people who care for children to learn about and understand how trauma affects children's developing brains in order to respond in a helpful, not hurtful, way to their behavior."

ORONOKO TWP.

Veteran BSOT police officer honored for saving life

By DEBRA HAIGHT
HP Correspondent

BERRIEN SPRINGS — Veteran Berrien Springs-Oronoko Township police officer Ray Keigley was honored Tuesday night for his quick actions that saved the life of a township resident.

Keigley, a 40-year veteran of the department, was given a departmental commendation and lifesaving award by Police Chief Paul Toliver at Tuesday's Oronoko Township Board meeting. "This is the good stuff I get to do when I get to brag on my department and officers," Toliver told board members.

Toliver noted that Keigley is starting his fifth decade with the department and is an asset to the department. "He comes into work when he's needed, he doesn't shirk anything and he knows everybody," he said.

The incident Keigley was honored for occurred last July 31 when he answered a possible overdose medical call in the village of Berrien Springs. The call came in that a woman was not breathing and in cardiac arrest after overdosing on heroin.

"He administered Narcan and thanks to his quick actions, he saved her life," Toliver said. "It ultimately resulted in the female's breathing being restored. His quick actions and training resulted in the saving of a life."

Keigley officially retired from the department in 2009 but has continued to work for the department on a part-time basis. At the time of his retirement, he was a lieutenant and the second in command in the department. This isn't his first lifesaving award; he was recognized in 2013 for administering CPR to an elderly woman.

Debra Haight / HP correspondent

Berrien Springs-Oronoko Township Police Department Chief Paul Toliver, left, congratulates retired, part-time officer Ray Keigley for saving a live last July.

Also Tuesday, board members hired Deborah Ostrander of St. Joseph as the new township bookkeeper. Current bookkeeper Trudy Bartz is retiring at the end of March. Ostrander was one of six applicants and one of three interviewed for the part-time job. Her starting salary will be $17 an hour. She previously worked for the city of Benton Harbor.

Board members narrowly voted to have board member and Medic 1 representative Robert Palmer vote in opposition to a 3 percent subsidy increase for Medic 1. The ambulance service is imposing a 3 percent subsidy increase for member communities this year and next. Voting to tell Palmer to vote no were Rich Albers, Don Damron, Marc Kerlikowske and Larry Schalk.

The board also approved an I & M lightbulb replacement plan. Supervisor Mike Hildebrand said the move doesn't cost the township anything and replaces current mercury and sodium vapor street lights with new LED lights that are more energy efficient.

Also, the township's personnel manual has been updated to increase the number of hours employees have to work each week in order to get benefits. Hildebrand said people have to work 35 hours a week rather than 30 hours a week to get health insurance and other benefits. Those working less than 20 hours a week get no benefits.

The March board of review dates have been changed due to the March 10 presidential primary election. The board of review will now meet from 3-9 p.m. on March 11 and from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. March 12 at the township hall.

Board members were again urged to contact State Sen. Kim LaSata to voice opposition to Senate Bill 431. That bill would take local control away from gravel mining decisions. The township planning commission has already written a letter of opposition to the bill.

COLOMA TWP.

Sewer rates going up to fund improvements, maintenance

By ALEXANDRA NEWMAN
HP Staff Writer

COLOMA — Coloma Township residents will soon see an increase in their sewer rates.

Board members approved the increase at its meeting Wednesday night.

The rates will increase from $80.05 to $98 quarterly, starting April 1.

Trustee Jim Fulton said the increase is needed to keep up with maintenance and $2 million in improvements to the sewer plant that were recommended as part of the Stormwater Asset Management and Wastewater grant that was recently completed.

He said the rates have not increased for a long time.

In other business, Coloma Township could soon join the ranks of municipalities allowing certain kinds of marijuana facilities.

The board was approached Wednesday night by township residents Terry and Mark Coleman who would like to have a micro medical marijuana grow operation in the township.

The couple is still working out the details, but Mark Coleman said the business would grow up to 150 marijuana plants. He would then sell the medical marijuana wholesale to dispensaries.

Trustees agreed they would like to hold a special meeting with the township's attorney to discuss the possibility of opting into allowing medical marijuana facilities.

Mark Coleman said his "mom and pop operation" would employ people, as well as bring revenue to the township. He said he's been working for over 10 years to grow completely organic marijuana that would be desirable to medical marijuana patients.

In addition Wednesday night, the board approved chipping in $750 to get quarter-mile marker signs for the Paw Paw River.

Tony Bertuca, chairman of the Parks and Recreation Committee, said Watervliet Township, Watervliet and the city of Coloma are all contributing the same amount to get the signs put up in conjunction with the various area fire departments.

The signs are aimed at helping people navigate the river, as well as help first responders in the event of an emergency.

The board also changed its March meeting to March 18 because of the upcoming primary election.

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IN BRIEF

Blossomtime tickets on sale Feb. 24

ST. JOSEPH — Tickets for the 2020 Miss Blossomtime and Mr. Blossomtime Pageant go on sale at 9 a.m. Monday, Feb. 24, the pageant announced.

There is a new option this year for pageant-goers. The pageant is offering limited premier seating tickets for both the Sunday and Monday night pageants, which will each take place at the Mendel Center Mainstage at Lake Michigan College.

The Mr. Blossomtime and Showcase of Queens Pageant will take place at 6:30 p.m. Sunday evening, March 15. The Miss Blossomtime Pageant is the following evening on Monday, March 16 at 7 p.m. Tickets are $20 for each night.

However, limited premier seating tickets are available for both nights for $35 each, and the program price will be $5.

To purchase tickets when they become available, call the Blossomtime office at 269-982-8016, or stop by at 2330 S. Cleveland Avenue in St. Joseph to purchase tickets in advance. Availability is limited.

The theme of this year's event is "Blossomtime Presents The Greatest Show."

Bangor facility to start recreational marijuana sales

BANGOR — Southwest Michigan recreational marijuana consumers will soon have another option of where to obtain the product.

The Green Door in Bangor will begin recreational marijuana sales on Feb. 24, according to its Facebook page.

It received its state license on Jan. 23, according to the state licensing website.

Bangor approved allowing medical marijuana facilities in fall 2017, and recreational sales last month.

The Green Door, its first provisioning center, has been open since December 2017.

President Lincoln to stop by Coloma Library

COLOMA — The Coloma Public Library will host a very special guest this Presidents' Day during its story time.

President Abraham Lincoln impersonator Richard Veit will visit the library for a special story time and patriotic craft.

Veit has been impersonating the former president for more than 40 years and has a vast collection of Lincoln memorabilia.

The event begins at 1 p.m. Monday at 151 W. Center St. For more information, call 468-3431.

United Way Pop Up event is Feb. 20

ST. JOSEPH — United Way of Southwest Michigan is inviting the public to attend its fifth Pop Up Giving event at 5 p.m. Feb. 20 at Silver Harbor Brewing Co. in St. Joseph.

Three local nonprofits will have three minutes to pitch a project that will impact the community. The audience then has five minutes to complete ballots to determine which organization will get the money from ticket sales for its project.

The event's sponsor will kick in $1,000 to get the pot started. Second- and third-place finishers each get consolation cash prizes of $250, while the one with the most votes gets the rest.

The theme of this Pop Up Giving event is Pop-Tarts, thanks to a donation from Kellogg's.

Individual tickets are $20 and include one free drink and light appetizers provided by Silver Harbor. Doors open at 5 p.m. Presentations begin at 5:45 p.m.

For tickets and more information, visit www.uwsm.org/pop-up-giving.

Detroit cop gets 18 years in prison for aiding drug ring

DETROIT (AP) — A former police officer was sentenced Wednesday to 18 years in prison for assisting a drug organization while working at the Detroit department.

Federal prosecutors said Chris Staton assisted dealers by running license plates, staging a traffic stop and providing other sensitive information.

Staton "had a choice," Assistant U.S. Attorney Steven Cares said. "Enforce the law and protect the citizens of Detroit or use his experience as a police officer and his law enforcement tools to assist a drug trafficking empire. He chose the latter. Again. And again. And again."

Staton, 53, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Sean Cox for a conspiracy conviction. His attorney had requested a 10-year term.

"There was no competent evidence that Mr. Staton ever possessed any drugs, delivered drugs or arranged for any narcotic delivery," Sanford Schulman said. "His culpability is near the very bottom of the list of individuals charged in the indictment."

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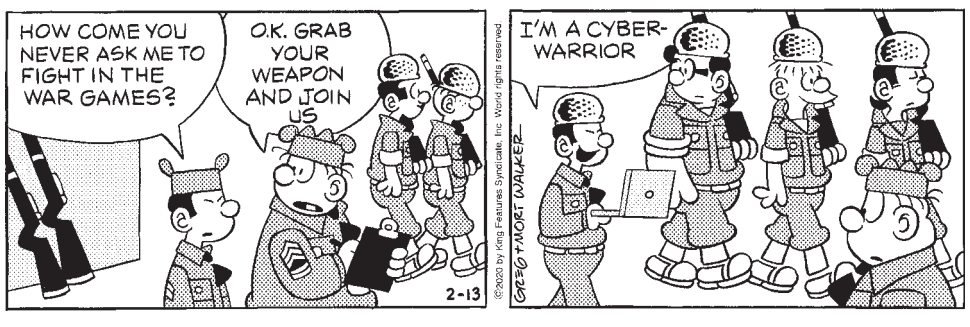
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THAT HANDSOME FELLOW IS A LOVEBIRD
I THOUGHT SO...SHOULDN'T HE HAVE A MATE WITH HIM ON THAT PERCH?
OH NO, NOT HIM...
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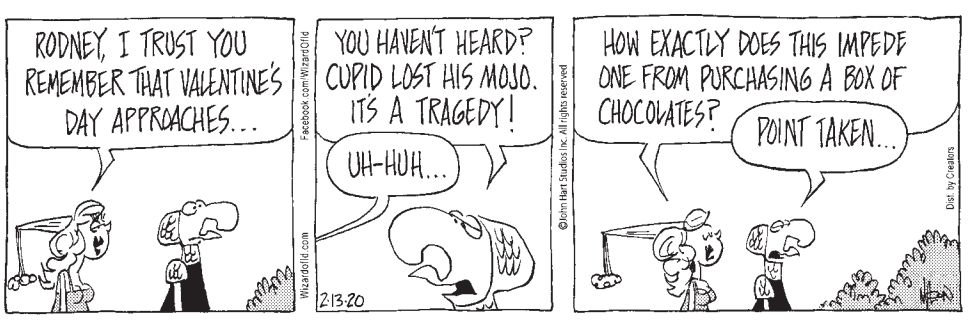
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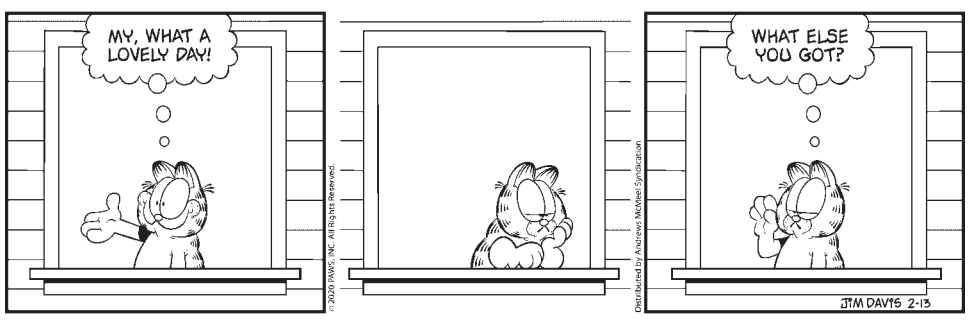
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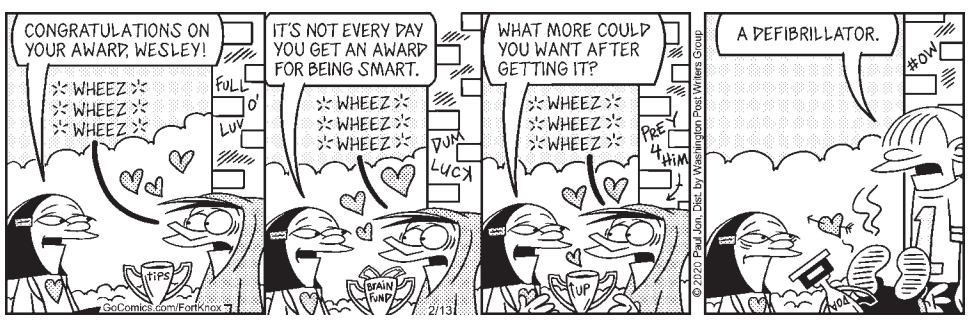
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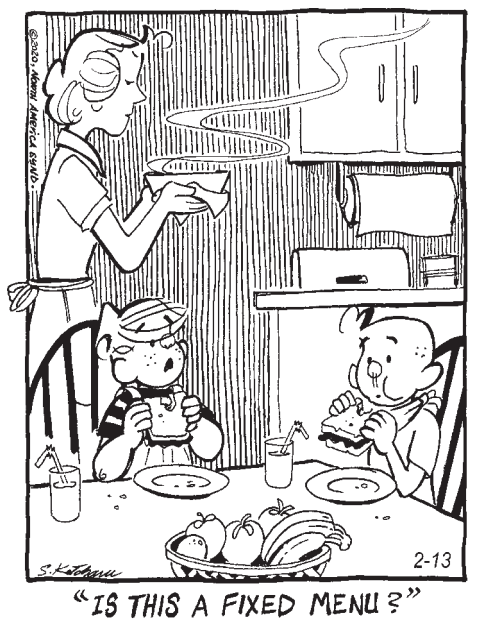

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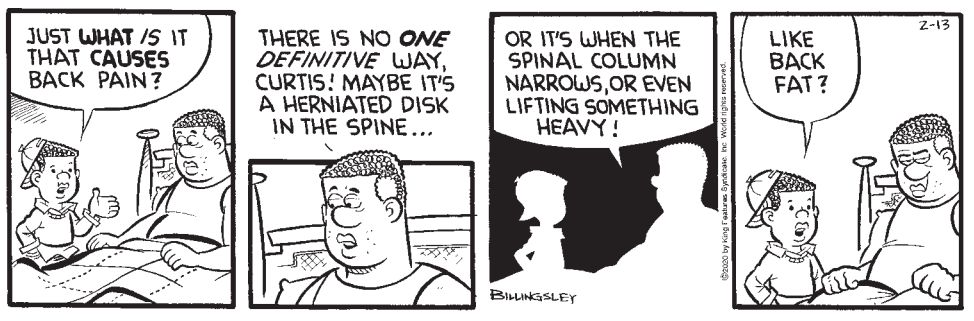
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OKAY.
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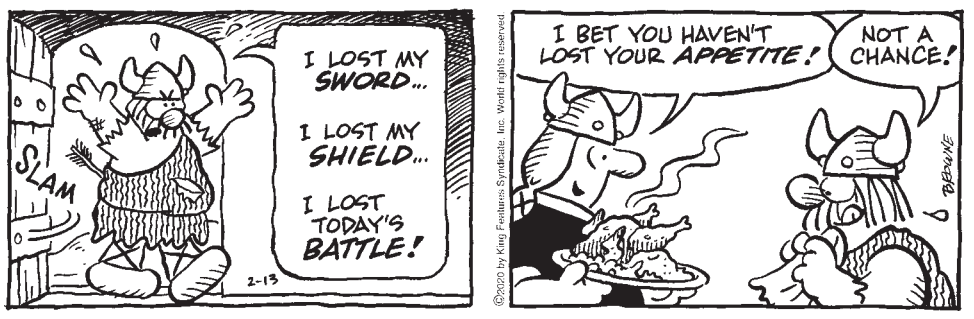
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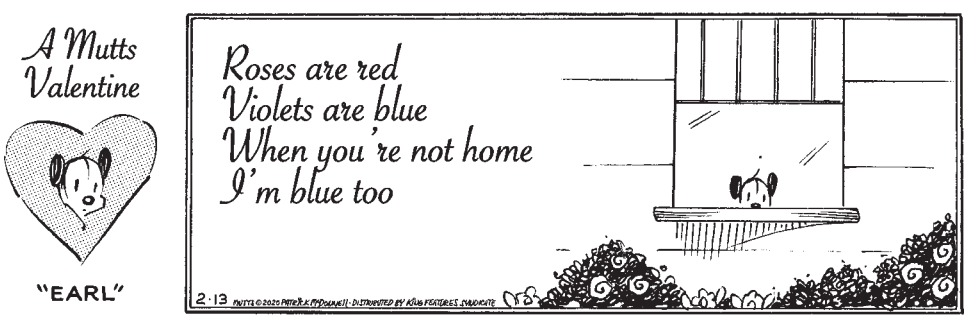

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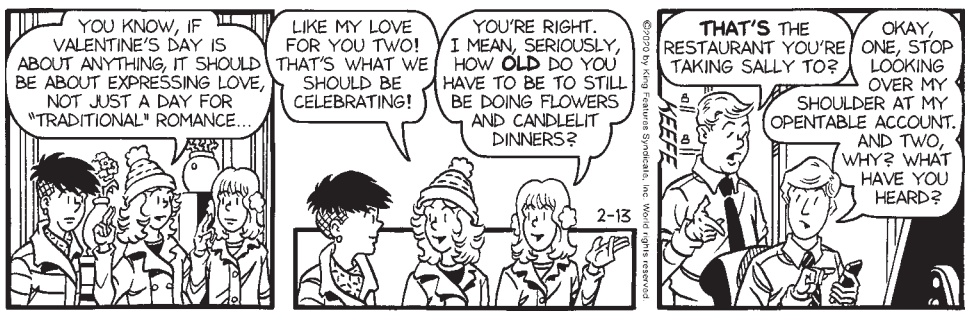
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LIKE MY LOVE FOR YOU TWO! THAT'S WHAT WE SHOULD BE CELEBRATING!
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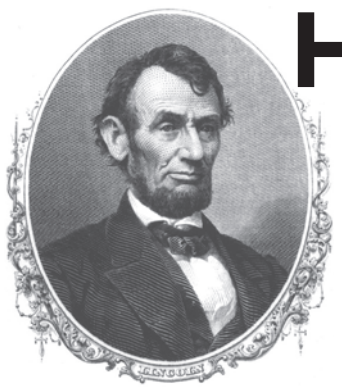
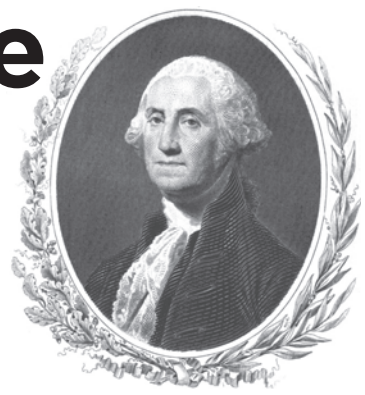




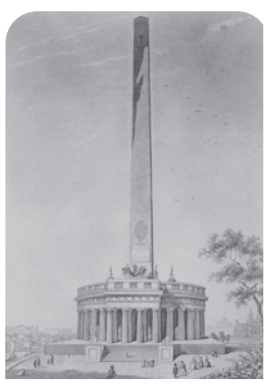
Mini Fact:
The Lincoln and Washington monuments are at either end of a long, rectangular reflecting pool.

Presidents Day is on Feb. 17 this year. To celebrate, The Mini Page is visiting monuments to two of our most iconic presidents, George Washington and Abraham Lincoln, in Washington, D.C.

A monument to Washington

When French-American architect Pierre L'Enfant designed the city of Washington, D.C., he included plans for a monument to America's first president.

The design was chosen through a contest, as were most capital memorials. The winning designer was Robert Mills.



photos courtesy National Park Service

Mills' original design from the 1830s was more detailed. He pictured statues of Revolutionary War heroes at the bottom.

In 1848, workers began building the monument, but money ran out after six years. By the time work began again 25 years later, workers had to get rock from a different quarry. As a result, the stone changes color about one-third of the way up.

State stones

When the money ran out, many states and territories sent stones for the monument. For example, Alaska's stone is made of jade and Arizona's of petrified wood. Visitors can see some of these stones while riding on the elevator.

The Washington Monument is the most visible landmark in our nation's capital.

Monument Fact-a-roonies

• When the Washington Monument was finished in 1885, it was the tallest structure in the world, at about 555 feet tall. The Eiffel Tower broke this record four years later.

• The first elevator in the monument was steam-powered. It took 10 to 12 minutes to reach the top.

• A new electric elevator takes about 70 seconds to get to the top.

• The monument is an **obelisk** (AH-buh-lisk), an Egyptian-style pillar with four sides and a pyramid on top.

• Around the monument, 50 American flags, one for each state, stand in a circle.

• In 2011, an earthquake slightly damaged the obelisk. It was closed to visitors for three years while repairs were made.

• The **apex**, or point at the top, is made of aluminum.

The Lincoln Memorial was designed by Henry Bacon with 36 columns on the outside. These represent the states that existed at the end of Lincoln's presidency.

A memorial for Lincoln

The Lincoln Memorial is built on former swampland that was filled in by the U.S. Army in the late 1800s. Work began on the memorial in 1914. It was dedicated in 1922.

The 19-foot-tall statue of Lincoln is made up of 28 pieces of marble put together like a giant jigsaw puzzle.

Memorial Fact-a-roonies

• Lincoln is seated because the designer thought a standing figure would disappear among the tall columns.

• In 1963, at a march for civil rights, Martin Luther King Jr. gave his "I Have a Dream" speech at the Lincoln Memorial.

• The statue of Lincoln was sculpted by Daniel Chester French.

Resources

On the Web:
- nps.gov/wamo/index.htm
- nps.gov/linc/index.htm

At the library:
- "A Kid's Guide to Washington, D.C." by Miriam Chernick

Try 'n' Find

Words that remind us of presidential monuments are hidden in this puzzle. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally, and some letters are used twice. See if you can find:

APEX, BACON, DAY, DESIGN, EARTHQUAKE, ELEVATOR, FLAGS, FRENCH, LINCOLN, MARBLE, MEMORIAL, MILLS, MONUMENT, OBELISK, POOL, PRESIDENT, STATES, STATUE, STONE, WASHINGTON.

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Cook's Corner

Sweet Potato Hash Browns

You'll need:
- 2 medium sweet potatoes, peeled
- 2 tablespoons canola oil
- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 1 clove garlic, finely chopped (optional)
- salt and pepper to taste

What to do:
1. Chop peeled sweet potatoes into small cubes.
2. Heat oil in pan and cook onion for 2 to 3 minutes until translucent.
3. Add potatoes and stir to combine. Continue to cook over medium heat for 10 to 12 minutes, turning frequently.
4. Stir in garlic if desired and continue to cook potatoes for another 10 minutes until soft.
5. Season with salt and pepper. Serves 2.

* You'll need an adult's help with this recipe.

Mini Jokes

George: Who was the biggest jokester in Washington's army?
Abe: Laugh-ayette!

Eco Note

Take a deeeeeep breath. When we take air in, the oxygen in the air passes throughout our body in our blood and allows us to live. Air is one thing we need to stay alive. But when air is not clean, we may cough or have trouble breathing, even indoors. To help with air pollution indoors, we can ask adults to smoke outside; keep pets off beds and furniture; use exhaust fans to help prevent mold and mildew; and keep windows closed on days with high pollen counts.

adapted from epa.gov

For later:

Look in your newspaper for events related to Presidents Day.

Teachers: Follow and interact with The Mini Page on Facebook!

ROOTONYM®

by Jan & Carey Orr Cook

1. A person who guides by being the best, first or ahead (6-letter noun)
2. A pick between two or more possibilities (6-letter noun)
3. Someone who earns a victory or beats others (6-letter noun)
4. To observe or honor in a special way (9-letter verb)

1. Joseph is a great _____ who inspires others.
2. Clara made a _____ : a banana, not a grapefruit.
3. Julie is the _____ for class president.
4. Schools _____ Presidents Day as a holiday.

Study the definition. When you know the missing word, fill in the letter boxes and the sentence blanks.

Answers: Leader; Choice, Winner, Celebrate.

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Tigers building around young pitchers

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Michigan State hires Tucker as football coach

By LARRY LAGE
Associated Press

EAST LANSING, Mich. — Mel Tucker recalled making $400 a month when he began his career as a graduate assistant at Michigan State, sleeping under his desk hoping to be noticed when coach Nick Saban walked in or out of the building.

Two-plus decades later, Tucker is back to lead the Spartans and he won't have to sleep on the floor.

Tucker signed a six-year deal worth $5.5 million per season, more than doubling the total compensation from his contract at Colorado, to lead Michigan State's football program. He made the jump to the Spartans after a single season leading the Buffaloes, who went 5-7.

"Leaving Colorado was the toughest thing that I've ever done in my career, in my life, actually," Tucker said Wednesday night. "But this is the right time for me to be here and that's really what it comes down to. The commitment is here. The resources are here."

Michigan State landed a leader with extensive experience and ties to the school after appearing to be interested in coaches including Luke Fickell, Robert Saleh and Pat Shurmur.

Tucker said Michigan State showed interest in him late last week and the feeling was mutual. He said there was a time in the process, which was filled with a lot of "great candidates," that he decided to take a step back.

Al Goldis / AP

Mel Tucker, Michigan State's new football coach, speaks duirng a news conference Wednesday in East Lansing.

"The search continued and circled back to me," Tucker said.

Tucker replaces Mark Dantonio, who retired two weeks ago after 13 mostly successful seasons.

"Mel brings a championship pedigree, NFL experience, connections to our region, success on the recruiting trail and head coaching experience to our program," athletic director Bill Beekman said.

Colorado hired Tucker in December 2018, and gave him an opportunity to run the Pac-12 program after he was Georgia's defensive coordinator. He was given a five-year, $14.75 million contract to lead the Buffaloes, and they matched their 5-7 record from each of the previous two years.

"We are disappointed to see coach Tucker leave," Colorado athletic director Rick George said.

Michigan State offered Tucker a huge raise and a chance to work in a more powerful conference in a region he calls home. The 48-year-old Tucker is from Cleveland and was a Big Ten championship-winning defensive back at Wisconsin.

Tucker's departure, though, caught many by surprise, after he and George issued statements Saturday that seemed intended to quell speculation about him going to Michigan State.

Tucker also posted on his Twitter account over the weekend: "While I am flattered to be considered for the head coaching job at Michigan State, I am committed to CU Buffs Football for the build of our program, its great athletes, coaches and supporters."

Even as recently as Tuesday, Tucker was making the media rounds, pumping up the Buffaloes and their bid to build the program back into a contender. He had also been meeting with alumni and donors to drum up support.

See **TUCKER**, page C3

Don Campbell / HP staff

South Haven's Karlie Woodall defeats Coloma's Mason Current during their 125-pound finals match Wednesday during Div. 3 district wrestling at South Haven.

Rams roll on

South Haven downs Coloma, Watervliet to earn district title

By MAXWELL HARDEN
HP Sports Writer

SOUTH HAVEN – The South Haven wrestling team did not disappoint its hometown crowd on Wednesday.

The Rams advanced to the Division 3 district finals, where they defeated Coloma 52-28 to capture a district championship.

"It's been a good season so far," South Haven coach Brad Adamson said. "We've taken a couple of losses that we didn't expect to earlier this season, but tonight

See **RAMS**, page C2

Don Campbell / HP staff

South Haven's Nathan Palmer works against Coloma's Braiden Goldner during their 140 pound finals match Wednesday during Div. 3 district wrestling at South Haven. Palmer won the match.

Dowagiac wins D3 wrestling district

By BEN SPENCER
HP Sports Writer

BRANDYWINE — Dowagiac's wrestling team was in control throughout Wednesday's Division 3 district meet at Brandywine, leading to a second straight district crown.

The Chieftains breezed through the semifinals, routing Berrien Springs, 84-0, before topping host Brandywine, 58-21.

The Bobcats beat Buchanan, 51-30, to reach the championship.

"I think we wrestled well overall," said Dowagiac coach Colin Burandt. "Everybody knows their job, and everybody did their job well. I think we came in prepared and ready to go. This is the fun part of our season that we look forward to every year, so I think we're ready."

Dowagiac (21-9) advances to the team regional on Feb. 12 at Hopkins. The Chieftains will square off against South Haven, also a district winner on Wednesday. Host Hopkins and Constantine make up the other half of the regional bracket.

Wednesday's meet started at 130, and the Chieftains won five of the first six matches.

Alex McIntosh (130) and Adrian Lee (135) both had first period pins for Dowagiac before Seth Hard's win by forfeit at 140 gave the Chieftains an 18-0 advantage.

Area standout Hunter Heath got Brandywine its first points with a first-period pin over Braqsten Whitaker at 145, but Dowagiac got two more pins from Deny White (152) and Lamberto Peredes (160) to take full control with a 30-6 score advantage.

"We've got a lot of inexperience, but we're going to build off of that," said Brandywine coach Rex Pomranka, whose squad ends the season at 21-12. "Our big goal now is to focus on the individuals, and see how many kids we can get to regionals and state.

"Last year we were 16-17, so we made some improvement there. We're only voiding one weight class most of the time. That's half the battle, is getting a full lineup, and we made improvements there this season."

Chris Schultz (189), Mike Schlup (215), Wyatt Bailey (285) and Jordan Simpson (103) also had pins for Dowagiac, with Tyler Huston (119) adding four points for the Chieftains late with a 15-4 major decision over Aaron Lauri.

Match winners for Brandywine included Ivory McCullough at 171, who earned a 6-2 decision over Dylan Anderson, as well as a pin at 125 by Matthew Cox over Dustin Sirk in the final match of the night.

The Bobcats have been successful in the past wrestling at the Division 4 level, but a move up to Division 3 last season stalled their district championship streak at four.

Pomranka said the focus for the Bobcats now shifts to Saturday's Division 3 individual district meet.

"(Dowagiac) is a good program," he said. "If we want to be district champs, this is where we've got to level up to. They're a bit more veteran than what we are. We're a young team, so we're going to start working this weekend and see how many guys we can get to state and expand on that, then we'll start looking towards next year."

Burandt and the

See **CHIEFTAINS**, page C2

Michigan cruises past Northwestern in Howard's 'homecoming'

By ANDREW SELIGMAN
Associated Press

EVANSTON, Ill. — Eli Brooks scored 18 points, Isaiah Livers added 17 more, and Michigan gave coach Juwan Howard the win in his homecoming-of-sorts, beating Northwestern 79-54 on Wednesday night.

Michigan 79 Northwestern 54

Howard, from Chicago's South Side, watched as the Wolverines (15-9, 6-7 Big Ten) took control in the first half on the way to an easy win in his first game coaching them in the Chicago area.

Brooks nailed four 3-pointers. Livers made all seven free throws in his second game back after missing nine of 10 with a groin injury and Michigan won for the fourth time in five games.

The Wolverines' Zavier Simpson and Jon Teske also picked up their 104th career victories to tie a program record shared by Glen Rice (1986-89), J.P. Oosterbann (1986-89), Mark Hughes (1986-89) and Jordan Morgan (2011-14).

Last-place Northwestern (6-17, 1-12) dropped its eighth in a row and lost for the 13th time in 14 games. Jared Jones (12 points) and Miller Kopp (10) were the only players in double figures for the Wildcats, who shot 32 percent and made 5 of 21 3-pointers.

Michigan shook off a slow start to grab a 38-23 halftime lead, with Brooks and Livers each scoring nine and Austin Davis adding seven points down low.

The Wolverines missed their first 11 shots before Brooks nailed a 3, and they started to take control midway through the half.

They trailed by seven before Brooks and Franz Wagner connected from beyond the arc to give them their first lead at 16-13. And Michigan simply pulled away from there.

BIG PICTURE

Michigan: Near the bottom of the Big Ten after an impressive non-conference start, the Wolverines hope to make a push down the stretch. They made it look easy against Northwestern once they found their rhythm.

Northwestern: The Wildcats came into the game last in the Big Ten in scoring and among the worst in field-goal percentage. They did nothing to boost those numbers.

Nam Y. Huh / AP

Michigan guard Eli Brooks, left, drives to the basket past Northwestern guard Pat Spencer during the first half of Wednesday's game at Northwestern.

IN BRIEF

Tigers reach deal with OF Maybin

LAKELAND, Fla. (AP) — Cameron Maybin is back with the Detroit Tigers.

The Tigers and the 32-year-old outfielder agreed Wednesday on a $1.5 million, one-year contract.

Maybin began his career with Detroit in 2007 before he was traded to the Marlins in the deal that sent Miguel Cabrera to the Tigers. Maybin returned to Detroit in a trade and played for the Tigers in 2016.

Maybin spent last season with the New York Yankees, hitting .285 with 11 home runs and 32 RBIs in 82 games. His deal with the Tigers includes performance bonuses.

Maybin gives Detroit another option in an outfield that includes JaCoby Jones, Christin Stewart and Victor Reyes.

To make room on the 40-man roster, Detroit put right-hander Michael Fulmer (Tommy John surgery) on the 60-day injured list.

Pistons lose to Magic in overtime

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Aaron Gordon scored 25 points and Markelle Fultz added 21 as the Orlando Magic rallied to beat the Detroit Pistons 116-112 in overtime on Wednesday night.

Gordon, who also had nine rebounds and nine assists, hit consecutive 3-point shots late in he fourth quarter to help Orlando erase a seven-point deficit.

A 3-pointer by Nikola Vucevic gave Orlando a three-point lead with 5.5 seconds left before Detroit's Reggie Jackson hit a 3-pointer with 1.4 seconds left in regulation to send the game into overtime.

Christian Wood had 26 points and 12 rebounds for the Pistons, who rallied from a 22-point deficit but lost for the 11th time in 13 games.

The Pistons fell behind 47-25 after committing nine turnovers in the first quarter. But Wood and Markieff Morris scored 11 points apiece to help Detroit outscore the Magic 30-12 over the final seven minutes of the first half.

Braves' Hamels to miss start of season

NORTH PORT, Fla. (AP) — Atlanta Braves left-hander Cole Hamels won't be ready for the start of the season after hurting his pitching shoulder during an offseason workout.

General manager Alex Anthopoulos says Hamels will be shut down for at least three weeks. Anthopoulos said Wednesday the 36-year-old Hamels hurt his shoulder while throwing a weighted ball in an attempt to build strength for spring training.

Hamels signed an $18 million, one-year deal with Atlanta on Dec. 4 to add experience to a young rotation that also includes Mike Soroka, Max Fried and Mike Foltynewicz. Hamels was not present when pitchers and catchers reported to the team's new spring facility for Thursday's first workout.

Anthopoulos says Hamels will be evaluated in three weeks. Hamels would miss the start of the season even if he is cleared to begin a throwing program in three weeks.

AIRWAVES

Television today

12:00 p.m. (Golf) **PGA Tour Golf** The Genesis Invitational, First Round - Featured Groups. (Live) (CC)
2:00 p.m. (Golf) **PGA Tour Golf** The Genesis Invitational, First Round. (Live) (CC)
4:00 p.m. (ESPN2) **College Softball** St. Pete Clearwater Elite Invitational — Washington vs Alabama. (Live)
5:30 p.m. (FS1) **NASCAR Gander RV & Outdoors Truck Series** NextEra Energy 250, Final Practice. (Live) (CC)
6:00 p.m. (Bigten) **Women's College Basketball** Iowa at Maryland. (Live) (CC)
7:00 p.m. (ESPN) **College Basketball** Memphis at Cincinnati. (Live)
(ESPN2) **College Basketball** Wichita State at UCF. (Live)
(FoxDetroit) **NHL Hockey** Detroit Red Wings at New Jersey Devils. (Live)
(FS1) **NASCAR Cup Series** Bluegreen Vacations Duel 1 At Daytona. (Live) (CC)
(NBCSports) **NHL Hockey** Philadelphia Flyers at Florida Panthers. (Live)
8:00 p.m. (50) **AHL Hockey** Milwaukee Admirals at Chicago Wolves. (Live)
(Bigten) **College Basketball** Iowa at Indiana. (Live) (CC)
(TNT) **NBA Basketball** Los Angeles Clippers at Boston Celtics. (Live) (CC)
9:00 p.m. (ESPN) **College Basketball** Colorado at Oregon. (Live)
(ESPN2) **College Basketball** Washington at USC. (Live)
(Golf) **LPGA Tour Golf** ISPS Handa Australian Open, Second Round. (Live) (CC)
(NBCSCH) **NHL Hockey** Washington Capitals at Colorado Avalanche. (Live)
10:30 p.m. (FS1) **College Basketball** Arizona at California. (Live) (CC)
11:00 p.m. (ESPN2) **College Basketball** Arizona State at Stanford. (Live)

Friday

12:00 p.m. (Golf) **PGA Tour Champions Golf** Chubb Classic, First Round. (Live)
2:00 p.m. (FS1) **NASCAR Xfinity Racing Series** NASCAR Racing Experience 300, Practice. (Live) (CC)
(Golf) **PGA Tour Golf** The Genesis Invitational, Second Round. (Live)
2:55 p.m. (NBCSports) **Premier League Soccer** Wolverhampton Wanderers FC vs Leicester City FC. (Live)
3:00 p.m. (FS1) **NASCAR Gander RV & Outdoors Truck Series** NextEra Energy 250, Qualifying. (Live) (CC)
4:30 p.m. (FS1) **NASCAR Xfinity Racing Series** NASCAR Racing Experience 300, Final Practice. (Live) (CC)
5:00 p.m. (FS1) **NASCAR Cup Series** Daytona 500, Practice. (Live) (CC)
6:00 p.m. (Bigten) **College Hockey** Michigan at Michigan State. (Live) (CC)
7:00 p.m. (ESPN) **2020 NBA All-Star Celebrity Game** (Live)
(ESPN2) **College Basketball** Davidson at St. Bonaventure. (Live)
7:30 p.m. (FS1) **NASCAR Gander RV & Outdoors Truck Series** NextEra Energy 250. (Live) (CC)
8:30 p.m. (26) **High School Basketball** James Island at Wando. (Live)
9:00 p.m. (Bigten) **College Wrestling** Michigan at Nebraska. (Live) (CC)
(ESPN2) **College Basketball** Illinois-Chicago at Wright State. (Live)
(TNT) **2020 NBA Rising Stars Challenge** (Live) (CC)
9:30 p.m. (NBCSports) **Track and Field** USA Indoor Championships: Day 1. From New York. (Live)
10:00 p.m. (Golf) **LPGA Tour Golf** ISPS Handa Australian Open, Third Round. (Live)
(Showtime) **Boxing** ShoBox: The New Generation. (Live)

Radio today

7 p.m.
College basketball — Memphis at Cincinnati (WSJM-AM, 1400; WSJM-FM, 106.1)

Friday

5:45 p.m.
High school basketball — Mattawan at St. Joseph doubleheader (WSJM-AM, 1400; WSJM-FM, 106.1)

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Young pitchers form Tigers core

By NOAH TRISTER
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LAKELAND, Fla. — Casey Mize was the No. 1 pick in the 2018 amateur draft, and Matt Manning was a first-round selection two years earlier.

Those two pitchers are the headliners of Detroit's rebuilding process – and they aren't the only Tigers prospects worth paying attention to this year.

"I think there's some other names that probably should be involved in that as well," Mize said. "We have a really good group, honestly. The more people we can attach to that headline, is probably for the better. That's good news for Tigers fans, good news for the organization."

The Tigers held their first workout for pitchers and catchers Wednesday, and while only the most optimistic Detroit fan would predict a great season, there are finally some signs of promise. Mize, Manning and Tarik Skubal are all in camp as non-roster invitees. Although none of them are expected to be in the big leagues on opening day, they could form the core of the Tigers' rotation of the future.

"I think that's something this organization should be proud of, having those good prospects there," manager Ron Gardenhire said.

The Tigers lost 114 games last season and have the No. 1 pick in the draft for the second time in three years, so that's at least one more chance to add a marquee prospect to their system. So far, Detroit's rebuilding efforts have been centered around pitching.

Mize threw a no-hitter in his Double-A debut last season and went 6-3 with a 3.20 ERA at that level.

"It was a good year. I was super happy with the growth that I made last year and all the experiences that I had," he said. "I'm looking forward to building off that."

Manning was 11-5 with a 2.56 ERA at Double-A in 2019. Skubal is the more recent riser of the bunch. A ninth-round pick in 2018, the left-hander went 2-3 with a 2.13 ERA in nine Double-A starts last year.

Skubal downplayed the idea that he has a chip on his shoulder because he was drafted lower.

"I feel like everyone has a chip on their shoulder," he said. "I just try to compete – go out there and compete and have fun."

Building around young pitchers has its risks – particularly since their health can be so unpredictable. The New York Mets went to the World Series with Jacob deGrom, Noah Syndergaard and Matt Harvey in 2015, but while deGrom has remained elite, the other two members of that trio have battled injuries to varying degrees.

Mize dealt with shoulder inflammation last year, and Franklin Perez – another pitching prospect Detroit received in the 2017 trade for Justin Verlander – has made only nine starts over the past two years. So there are pitfalls these young pitchers have to avoid.

Meanwhile, the Tigers have a season to prepare for. Fans may be itching to see Mize, Manning and Skubal during spring training, but Detroit needs to make sure the starters who will actually be on the roster are ready.

Of course, the prospects can help in that regard too.

"Even the veterans, you've got to be kind of looking back and think, 'Oh, they're coming,'" pitching coach Rick Anderson said. "It might help the veterans kick it up a little bit, and have some urgency. And these young ones see the veterans. ... It's just a good blend."

Don Campbell / HP staff
Coloma's Ian Ishmael defeats South Haven's Jaden Hollis during their 145-pound finals match Wednesday during Div. 3 district wrestling at South Haven High School.

RAMS

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showed that we're ready for the postseason."

Siblings Karlie and Ray Woodall kicked off a strong start to the match for the Rams by earning pins in the 125- and 130-pound weight classes respectively. Trent Till picking up a forfeit win at 135 and Nathan Palmer pinning Braiden Goldner at 140 helped the Rams jump out to a 24-0 advantage that propelled them to victory.

Trevor Winkel (160), Jackson Calvert (189) and Ronaldo Vergara (103) added pins for South Haven.

"When it comes to team duels, they really seem to feed off each other," Adamson said. "Once we get that train rolling, it just doesn't seem to stop."

Ian Ishmael (160), Travis Borr (215), and Cole Alsup (285) picked up pins for the Comets, who defeated Fennville 58-12 in the semifinal but struggled to stay off their backs against South Haven.

"We got on our back and we got stuck. I told them that's the one thing we couldn't do," Coloma coach Ken Ashley said. "We ended up getting pinned. Every loss was a pin and we can't win like that. You can't take anything away from South Haven, they're good. We lost the coin flip and from there, we knew it was going to be a rough go."

Watervliet came up short in a 42-24 semifinal loss to South Haven but head coach Joe Isbrecht was proud of the way his team battled. Don Smith (189) and Trevor Pelton (112) picked up pins for the Panthers.

"There were very minimal pins and there was hard work on both sides tonight," Isbrecht said. "If a couple of different things would've went our way in the lower weights and middle weights, it would've been a different story. But South Haven worked hard and we did what we could."

The future appears bright for the Panthers, who graduate just two seniors from this year's roster.

"We had a tough time in the middle weights this year," Isbrecht said. "I see most of these kids coming back, so we have good building blocks. They're kids who are gonna fight hard and they're going to come back. It was a good season, overall."

With its district title in tow, South Haven moves on to face conference foe Dowagiac in Division 3 regional semifinal action at Hopkins on Wednesday.

"It will be a rematch of our duel earlier in the year where we lost by two points," Adamson said. "We've been waiting for that rematch, so we're looking forward to it."

Championship

SOUTH HAVEN 52, COLOMA 28

103 – Ronaldo Vergara (SH) p. Delray Williams 3:16; 112 – Caleb Ishmael (C) by forfeit; 119 – Logan Fergeson m.d. Ethan Emerson 10-1; 125 – Karlie Woodall (SH) p. Mason Current 3:43; 130 – Ray Woodall p. Blaine Sutherland 1:22; 135 – Trent Till (SH) by forfeit; 140 – Nathan Palmer (SH) p. Braiden Goldner 1:20; 145 – Ian Ishmael (C) p. Jaden Hollis 2:16; 152 – Trevor Winkel (SH) p. Alec DeLaTorre 3:08; 160 – Travis Jordan (SH) m.d. Aaron Pounders 14-3; 171 – Xander Willet (SH) by forfeit; 189 – Jackson Calvert (SH) p. Jackson Hodges 1:41; 215 – Travis Borr (C) p. Tyler Osteen 1:10; 285 – Cole Alsup (C) p. Preston Calvert 3:12.

Semifinal

SOUTH HAVEN 42, WATERVLIET 24

103 – Ronaldo Vergara (SH) by forfeit; 112 – Trevor Pelton (W) p. Trevor Price 1:27; 119 – Jimmy Kolosowsky (W) d. Corbin Fitch 8-4; 125 – Dominick Morrison d. Karlie Woodall 5-0; 130 – Ray Woodall (SH) p. Nathan Isbrecht 5:22; 135 – Alex Isbrecht (W) d. Trent Till 7-6; 140 – Jeremy Rowland (SH) t.f. Evan Orlando 15-0; 145 – Jaden Hollis (SH) m.d. Javier Gutierrez 17-6; 152 – Trent Pickett (SH) d. Korben Camp 7-5; 160 – Trevor Winkel (SH) p. Isaac Barton 0:28; 171; Isaiah Yazel (W) d. Travis Jordan 7-2; 189 – Don Smith (W) p. Xander Willet 3:03; 215 – Jackson Calvert (SH) p. Parker Lanning 2:48; 285 – Preston Calvert (SH) p. Parker Lanning.

Semifinal

COLOMA 58, FENNVILLE 12

CHIEFTAINS

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Chieftains now shift their own sights to the regional contest.

"The focus (going forward) is pretty much just showing up, making sure everybody makes weight and just doing our jobs," said Burandt. "We've wrestled almost every team that we'd see in the regional, so we know what we'd have to do to beat those teams.

"We just want to stay fresh, keep things fun and enjoy the process."

Dowagiac, Brandywine, Buchanan and Berrien Springs will also each wrestle in the Division 3 individual district meet on Saturday at Constantine.

Championship

DOWAGIAC 58, BRANDYWINE 21

130 — Alex McIntosh (D) p. Alexis Cox 1:41; 135 – Adrian Lee (D) p. Alex Johnson 1:41; 140 – Seth Hard (D) by forfeit; 145 – Hunter Heath (B) p. Braqsten Whitaker :39; 152 – Deny White (D) p. Gage Hoskin 1:04; 160 – Lamberto Paredes (D) p. Jesse Marlin 1:03; 171 – Ivory McCollough (B) d. Dylan Anderson 6-2; 189 – Chris Schultz (D) p. Ben McKee 5:33; 215 – Mike Schlup (D) p. Cruz Sanchez 1:37; 285 – Wyatt Bailey (D) p. Cael VanSandt :35; 103 – Jordan Simpson (D) p. Drake Heath :25; 112 – Tucker Vaughn (B) p. Jorge Rivera 2:45; 119 – Tyler Huston (D) m.d. Aaron Lauri 15-4; 125 – Matthew Cox (B) p. Dustin Sirk 5:19.
Records – Dowagiac 21-9, Brandywine 21-12.

Semifinals
Dowagiac 84, Berrien Springs 0
Brandywine 51, Buchanan 30

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LOCAL SPORTS CALENDAR

By HP STAFF

Youth sports

St. Joseph Lions Club 6th/7th/8th grade girls basketball tournament: March 7 at Upton Middle School. Limited to 8 teams. No club, travel or local all-star teams. Cost is $65 if you are providing your own uniform, $145 if you would like the Lions Club to provide you with a designed shirt your players get to keep. Admission is $5 for adults, $3 for K-12 for Saturday games. For more information, contact Bret Witkowski at 982-8645 or baeewitkowski@yahoo.com.

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White Sox say they're ready to win

By JACK THOMPSON
Associated Press

GLENDALE, Ariz. — The rebuild may not be quite over yet but the Chicago White Sox hope the fun is already beginning.

Three years of rebuilding and overhauling the roster have brought in young players who are developing into stars. The offseason was highlighted by the additions of All-Star catcher Yasmani Grandal and former Cy Young winner Dallas Keuchel.

By all indications, the players couldn't wait to get to Camelback Ranch this spring. On the day when pitchers and catchers reported, there were plenty of infielders and outfielders as well.

For a team that hasn't had a winning season since 2012 and been absent from the postseason since 2008, it can't come soon enough.

"You can see the entirety of it coming together," White Sox general manager Rick Hahn said Wednesday. "We are not certain how quickly it's all going to click on all cylinders the way we want. When we started this process, it was about putting ourselves in position for annual contention."

But for manager Rick Renteria and some of the players, the expectations are high now. The playoffs are a goal, and the phrase "World Series" was even uttered a time or two – a big leap for a team that won 72 games last season and finished 28 1/2 games out in the AL Central.

"We talked about this today," Hahn said. "The coaches and the players, everyone in uniform being focused on it's time, this year, let's go. That's fantastic. That's great. That's where you want their mindset."

All-Star Lucas Giolito heads a rotation that now includes Keuchel and another free-agent lefty, Gio Gonzalez. Dylan Cease will be in there somewhere, with Reynaldo Lopez likely the No. 5 man at least until Michael Kopech or Carlos Rodon return from arm injuries later this season.

Offensively, the Sox featured slugging first baseman Jose Abreu, batting champion Tim Anderson and emerging young hitters Yoan Moncada and Eloy Jimenez. Add to that Grandal, DH Edwin Encarnacion and highly regarded rookie center fielder Luis Robert, and they figure improvement is not far away.

High school scoreboard

By HP STAFF

BOYS BASKETBALL

BERRIEN SPRINGS 63, LAWRENCE 55

LAWRENCE (55)
Jacob Zapata 5 1-1 12, Brandon Lopez 2 1-2 6, Kaleb Smith 4 0-0 9, Lewis Williams 1 1-2 3, Lanndan Copeman 3 2-2 8, Bol Bak 2 5-7 9, Zack Payment 3 0-0 6, Kyle Bowen 1 0-0 2. Totals: 21 10-14 55.

BERRIEN SPRINGS (63)
Byron Tate 2 1-2 5, Jackson Glanzier 4 4-8 12, Jamal Hailey 0 0-2 0, Zeb Bodtke 1 0-0 2, Marshall McFarland 4 4-6 12, Aidan Rindfield 0 0-2 2, James York 2 1-2 5, Josiah Pittman 6 0-1 12, Anthony Latin 7 1-5 15. Totals: 26 11-28 63.

L	**18**	**16**	**15**	**6**	**— 55**
BSp	**14**	**16**	**17**	**16**	**— 63**

3-point goals – Lawrence 3 (Zapata, Lopez, Smith), Berrien Springs 0. Total fouls – Lawrence 21, Berrien Springs 15. Technical fouls – none. Fouled out – James York.

Records – Berrien Springs 5-8, Lawrence 6-10.

BOYS BOWLING

COLOMA 23, BURR OAK 7

Team total — Coloma 1786, Burr Oak 1427.
Baker games – Coloma 155, Burr Oak 126; Burr Oak 124, Coloma 115.
Coloma individuals – Two games: Charlie Cullitan 310, Damian Gomez 366, Jonathan Swetay 372, Nick Santarlas 356, Ryan Wilson 382.

SCOREBOARD

BOWLING

KELLEY'S BOWL
FRIDAY NITE MIXED – Dan Zimmerman 674 (233), Rob Retz 652 (221), Scott 633 (230), Nate Schuman 612 (221), Aaron Collins 605 (217), Michele Briney 531 (213). Team scores: Fro's Pro 2407 (841), Strokers 2374 (823).
MILLER LITE MIXED – Vince Skorupa 670, Mark Pullins, 665, Ken Berry Jr. 627, Justin Wade 622, AJ Poole 591, Mary Workinger 540 (213).
WED. MORN. FUN – Harriet Hackbart 497, Mary Kelly 450, Annette Garrison 449, Donna Bender 443, Jay Higgins 433, Heather Garrison 427. Team score: Happy Hookers 1310 (471).
WEDNESDAY MORNING MIXED – Jeremy Jackson 717 (278), Justin Wade 696 (268), Dave Ellis 690 (254), Ezell Tillman (259), Sonya Jackson 488 (176), Kim Keith 473, Kate McNeil 438. Team scores: We Don't Care 2392, Dogg Pound (859).
LAKESHORE LANES
LAKESHORE LADIES – Melissa Utter 724 (245), Carol Ashmead 605 (234), AMy Rochefort 556 (216), Connie Koth 549, Stephanie Zdanis 505. Team score: Bowling B's 2084 (745).

HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING

Michigan Grappler rankings
INDIVIDUAL TOP 10
(Area wrestlers only)
Division 2
103 – 1. Mikey Robles, Niles; 2. Nolan Wertanen, St. Joseph.
112 – 5. Jamison Zimmerman, Niles; 6. Cameron Litaker, Lakeshore.
119 – 6. Aaron Lucio, Lakeshore.
125 – 5. Jake Halsey, St. Joseph.
130 – 4. Micah Hanau, Lakeshore; 8. Ryan Franco, Niles.
135 – 2. Shane Williams, Lakeshore; 4. Javond Ball, Niles.
140 – 9. Jackson Hoover, Edwardsburg.
215 – 7. Zeke Rohl, Lakeshore.
Division 3
103 – 6. Jordan Simpson, Dowagiac.
112 – 6. Caeleb Ishmael, Coloma.
135 – 8. Jason Rocz, Paw Paw.
140 – 3. Hunter Heath, Brandywine; 7. William Bradley, Paw Paw.
152 – 9. Trevor Winkel, South Haven.
285 – 8. Cole Alsup, Coloma; 9, Wyatt Bailey, Dowagiac
Division 4
103 – 10. Dustin Mallory, Lawton.
135 – 10. Andrew Forker, River Valley.
140 – 3. Landyn VanWyk, Lawton.
160 – 9. Andrew O'Donnell, Lawton.
171 – 2. Jared Checkley, Decatur; 7. Gage Colllins, Cassopolis.
TOP 10 TEAMS
Division 1 – 1. Detroit Catholic, 2. Davison, 3. Brighton, 4. Hartland, 5. Temperance Bedford, 6. Holt, 7. Rockford, 8. Clarkston, 9. Westland John Glenn, 10. B.C. Lakeview.
Division 2 – 1. Lowell, 2. Gaylord, 3. DeWitt, 4. Whitehall, 5. Eaton Rapids, 6. Warren Woods Tower, **7. Lakeshore**, 8. Muskegon Reeths Puffer, **9. Niles**, 10. Jackson Northwest.
Division 3 – 1. Dundee, 2. Richmond, 3. Alma, 4. Montrose, 5. Lakewood, 6. Chippewa Hills, 7. Fremont, 8. Birch Run, 9. Yale, 10. Shepherd.
Division 4 – 1. Clinton, 2. New Lothrop, 3. Hudson, 4. Manchester, 5. Hart, 6. Carson City, 7.Pine River, 8. Mendon, 9. Leslie, 10. Bronson.

AREA SCHEDULE

Today
Wrestling districts
Division 2 at St. Joseph
Lakeshore vs. St. Joseph, 6
Division 4 at Eau Claire
Cassopolis vs. River Valley, 6
Eau Claire vs. Cassopolis-River Valley winner, 7:30
Boys basketball
Michigan Lutheran at Howardsville Christian, 7:30
River Valley at Covert, 7:30
Girls basketball
Michigan Lutheran at Howardsville Christian, 6
River Valley at Covert, 6
Berrien Springs at Bridgman, 7
Lawrence at New Buffalo, 7:30
Boys swimming
St. Joseph at Portage Central, 6
Bridgman at BC Lakeview, 6
Bowling
Vicksburg at South Haven (Lakeside Lanes), 11
Competitive cheer
Bridgman, Buchanan, Coloma, Dowagiac, Lake Michigan Catholic at Berrien Springs Rock The House Inv., 6

Friday
Boys basketball
Mattawan at St. Joseph, 7
Portage Northern at Lakeshore, 7
Niles at Portage Central, 7
Buchanan at Parchment, 7
Bridgman at Berrien Springs, 7:15
Vicksburg at Dowagiac, 7:15
Comstock at Brandywine, 7:30
Lake Michigan Catholic at Countryside, 7:30
New Buffalo at Lawrence, 7:30
Decatur at Bangor, 7:30
Coloma at Saugatuck, 7:30
Eau Claire at Bloomingdale, 7:30
Mendon at Hartford, 7:30
Girls basketball
Portage Northern at Lakeshore, 5:45
Mattawan at St. Joseph, 5:45
Niles at Portage Central, 5:45
Vicksburg at Dowagiac, 5:45
Brandywine at Comstock, 6
Buchanan at Parchment, 6
Lake Michigan Catholic at Countryside, 6
Decatur at Bangor, 6
Coloma at Saugatuck, 6
Eau Claire at Bloomingdale, 6
Mendon at Hartford, 6
Competitive cheer
Buchanan at Portage Northern Inv., 6
College basketball
LMC men at Muskegon CC, 7:30
LMC women at Muskegon CC, 5:30

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Wednesday's boys scores
AuGres-Sims 66, Bay City All Saints 63
Baldwin 82, Big Rapids Crossroads Charter Academy 27
Beaverton 55, Midland Dow 45
Berrien Springs 63, Lawrence 55
Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood 72, Royal Oak Shrine 56
Brethren 59, Mason County Eastern 52
Brown City 61, Memphis 51
Canton Prep 59, Taylor Prep 48
Caro 65, Vassar 38
Central Lake 55, Lake Leelanau St. Mary 47
Coleman 63, Blanchard Montabella 56
Concord 61, Union City 32
Fife Lake Forest Area 68, Onaway 48
Flint Southwestern 64, Flint Hamady 61
Frankfort 58, Grand Traverse Academy 25
Hanover-Horton 85, East Jackson 38
Hillman 54, Atlanta 40
Lansing Christian 71, Jackson Christian 27
Mackinaw City 57, Boyne Falls 39
Mancelona 43, Bellaire 33
Maple City Glen Lake 65, Benzie Central 20
Mesick 55, Manistee Catholic Central 47
Michigan Center 39, Grass Lake 37
Mount Pleasant Sacred Heart 53, Merrill 39
Munising 56, Eben Junction Superior Central 23
Muskegon Catholic Central 55, Holland Black River 25
Napoleon 56, Addison 47
Negaunee 42, Westwood 36
Pellston 44, Johannesburg-Lewiston 31
Pentwater 57, Marion 46
Pickford 64, DeTour 41
Port Huron Northern 71, Port Huron 66, OT
Quincy 69, Clinton 36
Reese 57, Bad Axe 43
Rudyard 50, Engadine 44
Sandusky 50, Harbor Beach 17
Suttons Bay 55, Lake Leelanau St. Mary 47
Vandercook Lake Jackson 98, Manchester 74
Walkerville 60, Bear Lake 45
Wolverine 74, Vanderbilt 17
Wednesday's girls scores
Allen Park Cabrini 41, Detroit Western Intl 13
Athens 50, Camden-Frontier 38
Battle Creek Central 73, Lansing Sexton 27
Detroit Edison(DEPSA) 59, Farmington Hills Mercy 41
Harper Woods Chandler Park Academy 88, Summit Academy North 25
Hillman 63, Atlanta 25
Holland Black River 42, Muskegon Catholic Central 38
Houghton Lake 45, Beal City 29
Lake City 46, Roscommon 6
Leslie 32, Napoleon 29
McBain 52, Leroy Pine River 30
McBain Northern Michigan Christian 43, Evart 33
Posen 63, Mio-Au Sable 44
Westland Universal 43, Ann Arbor Central Academy 36

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Wednesday's men's scores
EAST
American U. 81, Loyola (Md.) 76
Army 65, Lafayette 48
Clemson 72, Pittsburgh 52
Creighton 87, Seton Hall 82
Hartford 66, Albany (NY) 60
Kansas 58, West Virginia 49
Lehigh 89, Holy Cross 82
Mass.-Lowell 71, Maine 63
Navy 60, Bucknell 59
Niagara 69, Canisius 66
Richmond 74, La Salle 47
St. John's 80, Providence 69
Stony Brook 75, Binghamton 70
Towson 71, Regent University 55
Vermont 74, New Hampshire 50
Villanova 72, Marquette 71
SOUTH
Auburn 95, Alabama 91, OT
Chattanooga 86, VMI 67
ETSU 91, The Citadel 67
Furman 86, Samford 71
George Mason 72, VCU 67
Georgia Tech 64, Louisville 58
Houston 62, South Florida 58
Mercer 70, Wofford 68
Miami 85, Boston College 58
Nicholls 69, Lamar 65
Northwestern St. 70, Incarnate Word 60
Sam Houston St. 79, SE Louisiana 70
South Carolina 75, Georgia 59
Temple 72, Tulane 68
UAB 83, Middle Tennessee 72
UNC-Greensboro 82, W. Carolina 62
MIDWEST
Bradley 72, Indiana St. 61
Butler 66, Xavier 61
Loyola of Chicago 73, Evansville 66
Michigan 79, Northwestern 54
Missouri St. 97, Drake 62
N. Iowa 71, Illinois St. 63
Ohio St. 72, Rutgers 66
South Dakota 85, W. Illinois 72
Valparaiso 55, S. Illinois 38
SOUTHWEST
Abilene Christian 81, Houston Baptist 67
Cent. Arkansas 73, New Orleans 68
Florida 78, Texas A&M 61
Oklahoma 90, Iowa St. 61
Oral Roberts 81, Nebraska-Omaha 78, OT
SMU 79, UConn 75
Stephen F. Austin 75, Texas A&M-CC 67
Tulsa 70, East Carolina 56

MICHIGAN 79, NORTHWESTERN 54

MICHIGAN (15-9)
Livers 5-11 7-7 17, Teske 3-14 0-0 6, Brooks 6-13 2-2 18, Simpson 2-3 0-0 4, Wagner 2-7 0-1 5, DeJulius 3-6 0-0 7, Davis 4-4 1-2 9, Johns 2-2 0-0 4, Nunez 0-1 1-2 1, Bajema 1-1 0-0 3, Castleton 2-2 1-1 5. Totals 30-64 12-15 79.
NORTHWESTERN (6-17)
Beran 1-2 1-2 4, Kopp 3-12 3-3 10, Young 1-3 0-0 2, Buie 1-9 4-5 6, Spencer 3-7 2-2 8, Turner 3-7 1-2 9, Nance 1-4 0-1 3, Jones 6-12 0-0 12, Greer 0-2 0-0 0, Malnati 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 19-59 11-15 54.
Halftime—Michigan 38-23. 3-Point Goals—Michigan 7-20 (Brooks 4-8, Bajema 1-1, DeJulius 1-2, Wagner 1-3, Teske 0-1, Livers 0-5), Northwestern 5-21 (Turner 2-3, Beran 1-2, Nance 1-2, Kopp 1-6, Jones 0-1, Malnati 0-1, Spencer 0-1, Buie 0-5). Rebounds—Michigan 42 (Teske 8), Northwestern 30 (Young 8). Assists—Michigan 21 (DeJulius 7), Northwestern 16 (Kopp, Buie, Spencer 4). Total Fouls—Michigan 14, Northwestern 14. A—6,054 (8,117).

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	40	15	.727	—
Boston	37	16	.698	2
Phila.	34	21	.618	6
Brooklyn	25	28	.472	14
New York	17	38	.309	23

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	35	19	.648	—
Orlando	24	31	.436	11½
Washington	20	33	.377	14½
Charlotte	18	36	.333	17
Atlanta	15	41	.268	21

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	46	8	.852	—
Indiana	32	23	.582	14½
Chicago	19	36	.345	27½
Detroit	19	38	.333	28½
Cleveland	14	40	.259	32

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	34	20	.630	—
Dallas	33	22	.600	1½
Memphis	28	26	.519	6
San Antonio	23	31	.426	11
New Orleans	23	31	.426	11

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Denver	38	16	.704	—
Utah	36	18	.667	2
Oklahoma City	32	22	.593	6
Portland	25	31	.446	14
Minnesota	16	37	.302	21½

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	40	12	.769	—
L.A. Clippers	37	17	.685	4
Phoenix	22	33	.400	19½
Sacramento	21	33	.389	20
Golden State	12	43	.218	29½

Tuesday's Games
Washington 126, Chicago 114
Phila. 110, L.A. Clippers 103
New Orleans 138, Portland 117
San Antonio 114, Oklahoma City 106
Houston 116, Boston 105
Wednesday's Games
Cleveland 127, Atlanta 105
ORLANDO 116, DETROIT 112 (OT)

DETROIT (112)
Snell 6-8 0-0 16, Wood 9-14 7-8 26, Maker 6-9 4-4 18, Brown 1-2 0-0 2, Jackson 5-16 0-0 12, Doumbouya 1-6 0-0 3, Morris 5-7 0-0 14, Mykhailiuk 2-6 3-3 8, Henson 0-0 0-0 0, Galloway 4-11 0-0 11, Rose 1-13 0-0 2. Totals 40-92 14-15 112.
ORLANDO (116)
Gordon 8-15 6-6 25, Iwundu 5-6 0-0 11, Vucevic 9-21 0-0 19, Fournier 6-13 3-4 19, Fultz 8-14 5-6 22, Birch 4-5 0-0 8, Clark 0-4 0-0 0, Ennis III 2-4 2-2 7, Ross 2-12 0-0 5, Carter-Williams 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 44-96 16-18 116.

Detroit	**20**	**35**	**26**	**27**	**4**	**—**	**112**
Orlando	**32**	**27**	**28**	**21**	**8**	**—**	**116**

3-Point Goals—Detroit 18-45 (Morris 4-5, Snell 4-5, Galloway 3-10, Maker 2-3, Jackson 2-8, Doumbouya 1-2, Mykhailiuk 1-4, Wood 1-4, Rose 0-4), Orlando 12-36 (Fournier 4-7, Gordon 3-4, Fultz 1-3, Vucevic 1-7, Ross 1-9, Clark 0-4). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Detroit 47 (Wood 12), Orlando 46 (Vucevic 11). Assists—Detroit 28 (Jackson 11), Orlando 34 (Fultz 10). Total Fouls—Detroit 20, Orlando 16. A—16,607 (18,846).

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	58	35	11	12	82	192	144
Tampa Bay	57	37	15	5	79	203	152
Toronto	57	30	19	8	68	203	189
Florida	56	30	20	6	66	198	188
Montreal	59	27	25	7	61	180	180
Buffalo	57	25	24	8	58	162	178
Ottawa	56	18	27	11	47	147	191
Detroit	58	14	40	4	32	120	216

Metropolitan Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	56	36	15	5	77	202	172
Pittsburgh	55	34	15	6	74	182	150
N.Y. Islanders	55	33	16	6	72	166	151
Columbus	57	30	17	10	70	148	139
Philadelphia	57	31	19	7	69	184	170
Carolina	56	32	21	3	67	181	157
N.Y. Rangers	55	28	23	4	60	181	174
New Jersey	55	20	25	10	50	152	195

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
St. Louis	56	32	15	9	73	178	160
Colorado	55	33	16	6	72	200	154
Dallas	56	32	19	5	69	151	142
Winnipeg	58	29	24	5	63	174	176
Minnesota	56	27	23	6	60	173	181
Nashville	55	26	22	7	59	178	183
Chicago	56	25	23	8	58	166	178

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Vancouver	57	31	21	5	67	187	175
Edmonton	56	30	20	6	66	181	176
Calgary	57	29	22	6	64	161	173
Vegas	58	28	22	8	64	182	178
Arizona	59	28	23	8	64	165	162
Anaheim	56	23	26	7	53	146	173
San Jose	56	24	28	4	52	147	187
Los Angeles	57	19	33	5	43	137	183

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.
Tuesday's Games
Buffalo 3, Detroit 2
N.Y. Islanders 5, Philadelphia 3
Florida 5, New Jersey 3
Tampa Bay 2, Pittsburgh 1, OT
Toronto 3, Arizona 2, OT
Minnesota 4, Vegas 0
N.Y. Rangers 4, Winnipeg 1
Dallas 4, Carolina 1
Colorado 3, Ottawa 0
Edmonton 5, Chicago 3
St. Louis at Anaheim
Wednesday's Games
Boston 4, Montreal 1
Calgary at Los Angeles
Chicago at Vancouver
Today's Games
Columbus at Buffalo, 7 p.m.
Dallas at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Detroit at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Edmonton at Tampa Bay, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at Florida, 7 p.m.
Arizona at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Nashville, 8 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Washington at Colorado, 9:30 p.m.
Calgary at Anaheim, 10 p.m.
St. Louis at Vegas, 10 p.m.
Friday's Games
Montreal at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Columbus, 7 p.m.
San Jose at Winnipeg, 7 p.m.
New Jersey at Carolina, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday's Games
Detroit at Boston, 1 p.m.
Nashville at St. Louis, 3 p.m.
Edmonton at Florida, 4 p.m.
Philadelphia at Tampa Bay, 4 p.m.
San Jose at Minnesota, 5 p.m.
Dallas at Montreal, 7 p.m.
Toronto at Ottawa, 7 p.m.
Los Angeles vs. Colorado at Falcon Stadium, 8 p.m.
Chicago at Calgary, 10 p.m.
Washington at Arizona, 10 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Vegas, 10:30 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
BALTIMORE ORIOLES – Named Nick White minor league strength and conditioning coordinator, Ethan Stewart player performance facilitator, Anaima Garcia education coordinator, Trey Wiedman strength and conditioning coach of Norfolk (IL), Jonathan Medici strength and conditioning coach of Bowie (EL), Liz Pardo strength and conditioning coach of Aberdeen (NYP), Brandon Farish strength and conditioning coach of the GCL Orioles and Julio Diaz and Andres Tarazona strength and conditioning coaches of the DSL Orioles.
DETROIT TIGERS – Placed RHP Michael Fulmer on the 60-day IL. Agreed to terms with OF Cameron Maybin on a one-year contract.
KANSAS CITY ROYALS – Agreed to terms with OF Nick Heath; LHPs Richard Lovelady and Gabe Speier; Cs Cam Gallagher and Meibrys Viloria; INFs Kelvin Gutierrez, Jeison Guzman, Nicky Lopez and Ryan McBroom;and RHPs Scott Barlow, Brad Keller, Kevin McCarthy, Jake Newberry and Stephen Woods Jr. on one-year contracts.
NEW YORK YANKEES – Agreed to terms with RHP Tony Zych on a minor league contract.<
SEATTLE MARINERS – Agreed to terms with RHP Taijuan Walker on a one-year contract. Placed RHP Austin Adams on the 60-day IL.
TAMPA BAY RAYS – Agreed to terms with LHP Aaron Loup on a minor league contract.
National League
ATLANTA BRAVES – Agreed to terms with RHP Josh Tomlin on a minor league contract.
CINCINNATI REDS – Agreed to terms with INF/OF Derek Dietrich on a minor league contract.
PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES – Assigned RHP JD Hammer outright to Lehigh Valley (IL).
ST. LOUIS CARDINALS – Placed RHP Jordan Hicks on the 60-day IL. Agreed to terms with INF Brad Miller on a one-year contract.
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS – Agreed to terms with INF Wilmer Flores on a two-year contract. Signed RHP Trevor Cahill to a minor league contract.
WASHINGTON NATIONALS – Agreed to terms with RHPs Dakota Bacus, Bryan Bonnell, Paolo Espino, Javy Guerra, David Hernandez, Kevin Quackenbush and Derek Self; LHPs Fernando Abad and Sam Freeman; C Welington Castillo; INFs Brandon Snyder, Drew Ward and Jacob Wilson; and OFs Emilio Bonifacio, JB Schuck and Mac Williamson on minor league contracts.
BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
ATLANTA HAWKS – Signed G Brandon Goodwin to a multi-year contract.&

Woods, Thomas sharing time off course and in same pairing

By DOUG FERGUSON
AP Golf Writer

LOS ANGELES — Tiger Woods and Justin Thomas are separated by about 17 years on the calendar and 70 victories on the PGA Tour, neither of which has kept them from becoming friends away from golf.

Thomas first met Woods in 2015 on the range at The Players Championship his rookie year. They grew closer a year later during some of the darker moments for Woods when his back was killing him, he wasn't playing and had days where it was tough to walk. His future was never more uncertain.

Both are represented by Excel Sports, and Thomas asked agent Mark Steinberg if it was OK to reach out to Woods. Thomas and Rickie Fowler became regular visitors.

"I was thinking about him and wanted to hang out," Thomas said. "That's when we became close. He couldn't do much. We wanted to make sure he was still positive, not getting down on himself, that we were still believing in him."

Now they seem to spend as much time on the golf course.

Woods and Thomas will be playing together the opening two rounds of the Genesis Invitational, joined this year by Steve Stricker, as Woods goes for his record 83rd victory on the PGA Tour. It's the third straight year that Thomas and Woods have been in the weekday groups at Riviera, which probably isn't a coincidence, especially now that Woods is the tournament host.

Thomas was asked late last year why Woods likes him.

"I don't know," he said. "To be honest, because I don't view him as Tiger Woods. I view him as one of my buddies. I needle him. To be perfectly honest, I don't kiss his (behind) like some people do. I absolutely respect him so much, and how much time he's given me. But it's just two buddies hanging out."

They seem to hang out a lot inside the ropes. Even though Thomas and Woods have played in the same event only 35 times since Thomas joined the PGA Tour in 2015, they already have played together in 14 rounds.

More alarming is the record. In the early years for Woods, it was rare for anyone to have a higher percentage posting the lower score. In the 14 times Woods and Thomas have been in the same group, Thomas has a 10-1-3 advantage.

The only time Woods got him was the final round in the Bahamas last year, and Thomas is still fuming about that. Looking back, he was more caught up in beating Woods than winning the tournament, and he fears it cost him.

They started out two shots behind Gary Woodland, playing a few groups ahead of the leaders.

"I was so wrapped up in beating him that I forgot about the tournament," Thomas said. ""I was tied for the lead with seven holes left. All I had to do was go 2 or 3 under. I just remember getting done and I was so mad. I've played a lot of golf with him, but never on a Sunday where we both had a chance."

As playing captain at the Presidents Cup a week later, Woods took Thomas as his partner in two team matches, which they won. Woods said on Tuesday that he carried Thomas in those two matches, which got no argument from the youngster. Thomas replied Wednesday that if he hadn't made a 15-foot birdie putt on the last hole of the second session, Woods would not have gone undefeated for the week.

There's the needle.

Woods recalls those days when he could only play four tournaments – two at his holiday event in the Bahamas – over two years. He says Thomas and his father, Mike, would come by and ask him how to hit various short-game shots. He also learned that Thomas wasn't there to be his lackey.

"J.T. always wants to win," Woods said. ""He's highly motivated and extremely competitive, and we compete in everything we do together. That's one of the things that I loved about him when I exited the game for a little bit and he was kind of coming onto the scene. He's so interested and thirsty for knowledge"

Riviera doesn't hold the best of memories for either one.

This is the one course where Woods can't seem to win. He is 0-for-10 as a pro. Next in line for courses where Woods has played the most without winning are Sheshan International in Shanghai and the TPC Scottsdale for the Phoenix Open. He has played each four times.

Thomas played Riviera in 2012 at the NCAA Championship when Alabama met Texas for the title. He lost his match against Jordan Spieth, who holed a fairway bunker shot on the 15th for eagle.

What stung just as badly was losing a 5-shot lead in the final round last year to J.B. Holmes.

NASCAR drivers anticipate changes to Speedweeks next year

By MARK LONG
Associated Press

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Speedweeks is facing a significant shakeup.

The Daytona 500 is scheduled for Valentine's Day in 2021, a week earlier than usual and putting NASCAR's version of the Super Bowl seven days after the actual Super Bowl.

The revised date could cause changes to Speedweeks, the opening stretch of stock car racing at Daytona International Speedway that includes run-up events like Daytona 500 pole qualifying, the exhibition Busch Clash and the ARCA Series opener.

It could ultimately lead to "Speedweek," singular. Cramming everything into one week seems like the obvious outcome, which would eliminate two "dark days" at the track between pole qualifying and Daytona 500 practice and help shorten a long, tiring regular season that drivers and crews have been complaining about for years.

But the allure of spending two weeks in Florida, where drivers often can be spotted at Disney World and other various tourist spots, still has an appeal for some.

"I'd miss it," driver Austin Dillon said Wednesday during Daytona 500 media day. "I like being down here for this long. I enjoy this week. I think it's a great start to our season."

NASCAR also could simply run its Daytona 500 lead-in events a day earlier to avoid having anything on Super Bowl Sunday. Of course, that would still leave NASCAR vying for attention in the shadow of the dominant NFL finale.

"I don't think anybody should do that," said Stewart-Haas Racing driver Clint Bowyer, a huge Kansas City Chiefs fan. "It'd be like somebody trying to go on top of the Daytona 500. We're all in this business together. It's the entertainment business. There's a footprint for all of them. …

"The Super Bowl is not a game. The Super Bowl is an event. The Daytona 500 can't be just a race. It's got to be an event. The second that we lose sight of that … we've got problems."

The Super Bowl is set for Feb. 7, 2021. NASCAR and Daytona International Speedway announced earlier this week that the 500 will be the following Sunday, but the rest of next year's Speedweeks calendar has yet to be finalized.

Pole qualifying, the Clash and the ARCA race typically run the weekend before the 500. NASCAR has been hesitant to go head-to-head against the Super Bowl, even moving the Daytona 500 back a week in 2012 to avoid any potential conflict in case the league lengthened its regular season.

NASCAR switched the opener back to President's Day weekend before the 2018 season, but still hasn't returned Speedweeks to its original form that included the Rolex 24 at Daytona, pole qualifying/Clash and the Daytona 500 on back-to-back-to-back weekends. They're spread out a bit more now, but still integral to Speedweeks.

There are also sprint cars, late models and modifieds racing at nearby short tracks like New Smyrna and Volusia speedways, all in the general vicinity of Daytona Beach, the birthplace of NASCAR.

TUCKER

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Tucker spoke with his new team, shortly after arriving on a flight from Colorado, and linebacker Antjuan Simmons described the meeting as intense.

"We're ready," Simmons said, looking at Tucker during a news conference. "We're going to play for you.

"The head of the program changes, the expectations for the program don't."

Dantonio retired with a 114-57 record over 13 years. He won three Big Ten titles and had a College Football Playoff appearance over a six-season span from 2010 to 2015.

The Spartans slipped in recent years, going 7-6 records the past two seasons and barely being over .500 in the four seasons following their playoff appearance.

Beekman received input from Dantonio and basketball coach Tom Izzo before recommending the school's governing board hire Tucker.

After being an NFL defensive coordinator in Cleveland, Jacksonville and Chicago, Tucker worked for Saban for a third time at Alabama in 2015. He spent only one season with the Crimson Tide, helping them win a national title. He also was the interim head coach for Jacksonville over the final five games in 2011 after Jack Del Rio was fired.

Tucker was a defensive backs coach at Ohio State when it won a national title under Jim Tressel, whose nephew, Mike Tressel, was Michigan State's interim coach briefly this month.

Beekman appeared to be interested in hiring Fickell, but he chose to stay at Cincinnati. Saleh is a former Michigan State assistant, who is now the defensive coordinator for the San Francisco 49ers and wanted to stay in the NFL.

Shurmur, a former Spartans player and assistant, was fired after the season as coach of the New York Giants and expressed loyalty to the Denver Broncos for hiring him to be offensive coordinator.

Study shows explosive growth in time spent streaming TV

By DAVID BAUDER
AP Media Writer

NEW YORK — Streaming services like Netflix or Hulu account for 19 percent of television viewing in the United States now for people who have that capacity, virtually double what it was less than two years ago, a report out Wednesday said.

A Nielsen company study illustrated how quickly consumers have embraced streaming as an alternative to live TV. The percentage of time spent streaming has gone from 10 percent in a Nielsen study from March 2018 to 19 percent during the last three months of 2019.

More than half of consumers with the capacity to stream subscribe to two or more services, Nielsen found. And, in a survey, 93 percent said they planned to either increase or maintain that number.

"There is room for growth there," said Pete Katsingris, Nielsen's senior vice president for audience insights.

The average American spends a staggering 11 hours, 54 minutes each day connected to some form of media – TV, smartphones, radio, games – although that number is bloated because some of the usage is simultaneous, Nielsen said. That's up nearly an hour and a half in only a year.

Smartphone usage accounts for virtually all of the increase. People spent just under four hours a day on their phones in Nielsen's most recent study, compared to 2 hours, 31 minutes in the last three months of 2018.

Live television viewing is actually down in the past year (3 hours, 44 minutes to 3 hours, 27 minutes), explaining the worry in executive suites at television networks. Streaming time is up, from 29 minutes a day to 38 minutes in the same period.

Nielsen's report also illustrates a technological generation gap. People aged 18 to 34 spend five and a half hours a week on an Internet-connected device, compared to two and a half hours for people over age 65. Meanwhile, older folks spend nearly 50 hours a week in front of the television, compared to 20 hours for young people.

It's not like there's nothing to watch: Nielsen said consumers had access to 646,152 different movies or TV programs last year, up 10 percent in only a year.

There's something to be said for familiarity. Nielsen said the five most-watched programs on Netflix during the last three months of 2019 were episodes of programs that began on broadcast network TV: "The Office," "Friends," "Criminal Minds," "Grey's Anatomy" and "NCIS."

Treasurer: Seeping 'green ooze' site subject to forfeiture

By COREY WILLIAMS
Associated Press

Michigan Department of Transportation via AP

Toxic chemical substances leaking along Interstate 696 in Madison Heights on Dec. 20. An industrial site in suburban Detroit where a bright green goo seeped through a concrete barrier onto an area freeway is subject to forfeiture due to non-payment of property taxes.

DETROIT — An industrial site in suburban Detroit from where a bright green goo seeped through a concrete barrier onto an area freeway could be foreclosed due to non-payment of property taxes, the county treasurer said Wednesday.

Five properties tied to Electro-Plating Services Inc. in Madison Heights owe a total of more than $30,000 in taxes, interest and fees from 2017 and 2018, according to the Oakland County Treasurer's office.

The leak was noticed late last year along Interstate 696, about 2 miles north of Detroit's northern city limits.

"The infamous 'green ooze' site ... has all of us on high-alert," Treasurer Andy Meisner said in a release. "I am doing everything within my power as treasurer to hold the owners accountable and to prevent this burden from shifting onto the backs of taxpayers."

Michigan property tax law requires that the state be alerted when a site subject to property tax foreclosure "is believed to be contaminated," according to Meisner.

Meisner sent a letter Wednesday to Michigan's Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy.

If taxes remain unpaid, the property will become tax foreclosed after March 31, Meisner said.

Electro-Plating Services was shut down in 2016 for mismanagement of industrial waste. Owner Gary Sayers is serving a year in federal prison for illegally storing hazardous waste.

The Associated Press left a message Wednesday seeking comment from Sayers' defense attorney.

The leak along the shoulder of I-696 prompted a new investigation that determined high levels of numerous toxins, including hexavalent chromium were in soil and groundwater at the site. Those toxins are associated with cancer, kidney and liver damage.

State officials concluded earlier this year that the site posed no risk to drinking water and there was a low risk for the migration of contaminates off site.

Cleanup has been costly. EGLE district coordinator Tracy Kecskemeti told Michigan lawmakers in January that efforts to contain the leak had cost at least $200,000 over 24 days.

Oded Balilty / AP file

The West Bank Jewish settlement of Mitzpe Yeriho on Jan. 26. The United Nations Human Rights Council released a list of more than 100 companies it says are operating in Israel's West Bank settlements. In a report Wednesday, the council said the companies' activities "raised particular human rights concerns." The list is dominated by Israeli companies, but it also lists a number of international firms.

UN list targets firms linked to Israeli settlements

By JOSEF FEDERMAN and JAMEY KEATEN
Associated Press

JERUSALEM — The U.N. human rights office on Wednesday released a list of more than 100 companies it said are complicit in violating Palestinian human rights by operating in Israeli settlements in the occupied West Bank – a first-ever international attempt to name and shame businesses that has drawn fierce Israeli condemnation.

The list's publication after repeated delays escalated a looming showdown between Israel and the international community over its more than half-century policy of building settlements in the West Bank. Emboldened by a new U.S. Mideast initiative, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has vowed to annex Israel's more than 100 settlements, while the chief prosecutor of the International Criminal Court in The Hague has indicated she will soon launch a war-crimes investigation into settlement policies.

The list included well known global companies, among them Airbnb, Motorola and General Mills. Although the vast majority of the world considers settlements illegal, Wednesday's report did not accuse the companies of violating international law. Instead, it appeared to be aimed at pressuring them by drawing negative attention to their ties to a much-maligned Israeli policy.

"I am conscious this issue has been, and will continue to be, highly contentious," said Michelle Bachelet, the U.N. High Commissioner for Human Rights. "However, after an extensive and meticulous review process, we are satisfied this fact-based report reflects the serious consideration that has been given to this unprecedented and highly complex mandate."

The Human Rights Council in 2016 instructed the U.N.'s human rights office to create a "database" of companies deemed to be linked to or supportive of the settlements. Beginning with a potential list of over 300 companies, it narrowed it down to 112 firms involved in practices that raised human rights concerns, such as settlement construction, security services, banking and equipment that was used to demolish Palestinian property.

The report does not call for sanctions or have any concrete impact on the companies. But Israeli officials accused the report of caving in to pressure from the grassroots Palestinian-led boycott movement against Israel and raised concerns the list could be used as the basis for boycotts and other economic pressure against the companies.

In a statement, Netanyahu called the rights council "unimportant."

"Instead of the organization dealing with human rights, it only tries to disparage Israel. We strongly reject this contemptible effort," he said.

Palestinian Foreign Minister Riad Malki hailed the list as a "victory for international law and for the diplomatic effort to dry up the sources of the colonial system represented by illegal settlement in the occupied Palestinian territory."

With broad international backing, the Palestinians claim the West Bank and east Jerusalem as parts of a future independent state. Israel, which captured both areas in the 1967 Mideast war, has annexed east Jerusalem – a step that is not internationally recognized – and said it has no intention of dismantling any of its West Bank settlements. Nearly 500,000 Israelis live in the West Bank, in addition to more than 200,000 in east Jerusalem.

In a reflection of how entrenched the settlements have become, the list is dominated by Israeli companies, including leading banks, construction companies, supermarkets and mobile phone operators.

But there also were international companies, including travel firms like Airbnb, Expedia, TripAdvisor, Booking.com and Opodo. Many offer vacation rentals in the settlements.

Other names include consumer food maker General Mills, tech and communications giants Motorola Solutions and Altice Europe, and infrastructure companies like France's Egis and Alstom, and British company JC Bamford Excavators.

In a statement to The Associated Press, JC Bamford said it is "not involved in the activities referred to in this report" and should not have been included. The company's products are offered through a local dealer, Comasco, that also appeared on the list.

Airbnb declined comment. The San Francisco company said in November 2018 that it was removing its listings in West Bank settlements. After some Israeli-American homeowners sued, the company reversed course and said it would donate all profits from the listings to humanitarian aid organizations.

Israel and the U.S. regularly accuse the Human Rights Council of anti-Israel bias, and the Trump administration withdrew the United States in 2018 – faulting the U.N. for accepting autocratic governments that the administration said have repeatedly violated human rights.

The rights council is made up of 47 governments, with countries like Libya, Venezuela and Somalia among its members. The overwhelming majority of resolutions passed by the council has focused on Israel and its treatment of Palestinians, and Israel is the only country in the world whose policies automatically face scrutiny at every council session.

For decades, the U.S. joined the rest of the international community in criticizing settlement construction. That began to change after President Donald Trump took office in 2017. Surrounded by advisers with close ties to the settlement movement, Trump took a more sympathetic line toward Israel and halted the automatic criticism of settlements of his predecessors.

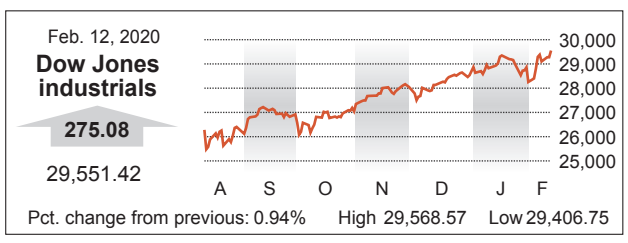
In November, the U.S. said it did not consider settlements illegal. And last month, Trump unveiled a Mideast plan that would allow Israel to retain permanent control over large parts of the territory, including all of its settlements.

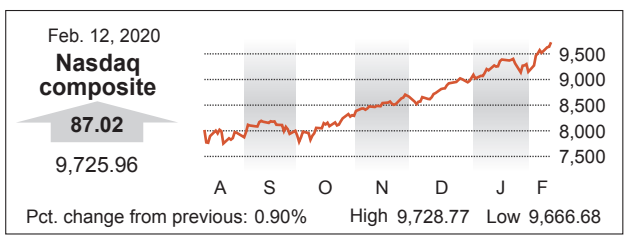
This warm U.S. embrace could cause trouble for Israel. Emboldened by the Trump plan, Netanyahu has vowed to soon annex the settlements – a step that International Criminal Court chief prosecutor Fatou Bensouda has warned against as she prepares her decision on whether to open a war crimes inquiry. Under U.S. pressure, Netanyahu has put off his annexation plans until after March 2 Israeli elections.

The Palestinians have rejected Trump's plan, and other countries have expressed little support for it while remaining opposed to the settlements.

The rights council had never before requested such a list scrutinizing corporate activities. The report said its authors had communicated directly with the companies to allow them to defend themselves or say whether they had changed their practices. The report's authors called on the council to set up "a group of independent experts" to update the database each year.

MARKETS





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AEP	AEP	79.13	104.97	101.79	-.43	-0.4	▲	▲	▲
Apple Inc	AAPL	169.25	327.85	327.20	+7.59	+2.4	▲	▲	▲
AutoZone	AZO	886.95	1274.41	1063.57	+12.35	+1.2	▲	▼	▼
BP PLC	BP	35.07	45.38	37.17	+.62	+1.7	▲	▼	▼
CMS Eng	CMS	52.41	68.98	67.36	-.01	...	▲	▲	▲
CocaCola	KO	44.42	59.84	59.41	-.18	-0.3	▲	▲	▲
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Deere	DE	132.68	180.48	171.83	+1.57	+0.9	▲	▼	▼
Disney	DIS	107.32	153.41	141.85	+.84	+0.6	▲	▼	▼
DollarTree	DLTR	85.37	119.71	89.52	+1.33	+1.5	▲	▼	▼
ExxonMbl	XOM	59.62	83.49	61.27	+.74	+1.2	▲	▼	▼
FifthThird	FITB	24.17	31.64	29.64	+.13	+0.4	▲	▲	▼
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Steelcse	SCS	14.45	23.02	19.39	+.24	+1.3	▲	▼	▼
Stryker	SYK	174.84	223.45	216.08	-2.06	-0.9	▲	▲	▲
TCF Finl	TCF	35.96	47.71	43.51	-.07	-0.2	▲	▼	▼
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UPS B	UPS	92.65	125.31	105.54	+.67	+0.6	▲	▼	▼
VerizonCm	VZ	54.26	62.22	58.23	-.46	-0.8	▼	▼	▼
WEC Engy	WEC	74.14	101.37	100.75	+.56	+0.6	▲	▲	▲
WalMart	WMT	96.53	125.38	115.85	+.45	+0.4	▼	▲	▼
WalgBoots	WBA	49.03	74.95	54.47	+1.48	+2.8	▲	▲	▼
Wendys Co	WEN	16.25	22.84	22.88	+.40	+1.8	▲	▲	▲
Whrlpl	WHR	114.00	163.64	152.50	+.52	+0.3	▲	▼	▲
Worthgtn	WOR	33.18	44.69	38.80	-.04	-0.1	▲	▼	▼
XPO Logis	XPO	45.73	96.26	94.66	+2.38	+2.6	▲	▲	▲

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Decedent's Estate

FILE NO:

2020-0057-DE-R

Estate of: Adam C. Krumroy

Date of Birth: April 8, 1977

TO ALL CREDITORS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS:

The decedent, Adam C. Krumroy who lived at 591 West Elm Valley Road, Galien, MI 49113, died October 1, 2019.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Louise D. Krumroy, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 811 Port Street, St. Joseph, MI 49085 and the named/proposed personal representative within four months after the date of this publication of this notice.

Date: February 11, 2020

Name: Louise D. Krumroy
Address: 591 West Elm Valley Road
City/State: Galien, MI 49113
Phone: (269) 545-0329

Passaro, Kahne, Taylor, DeFrancesco & Thompson Law Offices, P.L.L.C.
Lori M. Thompson
P57022
685 West Main Street
Benton Harbor, MI 49022
Phone: (269) 983-0325

St. Joseph Charter Township
Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting
February 3, 2020

SYNOPSIS

•Approved Consent Agenda
•Officer of the Year Presentation
•Approved Motion to Appoint Mr. Michael Birkholm to SWMRSS&WA
•Approved Motion to Appoint Harbor Revitalization Work Study Group
•Approved Motion to Set March Board of Review Date & Times
•Approved 2020 IRS Mileage Allowance
•Approved Motion for Berrien County Road Department 2020 Maintenance Projects
•Approved Motion for Medic 1 – Subsidy Increase
•Approved Motion for Medic 1 – 2020 -2021 Budget
•Approved Motion to Set Public Hearing – MDR Grants

Legal Notice

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that The Public Accuracy Test for the March 10, 2020, Presidential Primary Election has been scheduled for Thursday, February 20, 2020, at 9:00 a.m. in the St. Joseph Charter Township Hall Board Room located at 3000 Washington Avenue, St. Joseph, MI.

The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to demonstrate that the computer program used to record and count the votes cast at the election meets the requirements of the law.

Persons with special needs, as defined in the Americans with Disabilities Act, should contact the Township Clerk, Patrice Rose, at 3000 Washington Avenue, St. Joseph, MI 49085. 429-7703, 8AM-5PM. Monday through Friday.

Patrice Rose
St. Joseph Charter Township Clerk

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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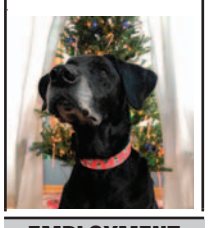

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South Haven, MI. The City of South Haven is accepting applications for the following positions for the 2020 season:

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LaPorte County Maintenance is hiring for part time Janitor. This position is responsible for general maintenance and cleaning of County buildings. Applicants must be as least 18yrs old, have a high school diploma or GED and knowledge of chemicals and cleaning products. Full job description and employment application is available at www.laportecounty.org/employment or Human Resources, 555 Michigan Ave, Ste 101, LaPorte. EOE M/F/V/D

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BY EUGENIA LAST

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13

Ambition will surface, and discipline will take control this year. Your expectations will mount, and your desire to declutter your life and to fix whatever isn't working for you will run the show. Meaningful relationships will take precedence over fair-weather friends, and building a better future will be your priority.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Follow your chosen path. Don't feel that you must give in to someone else's plans or let anyone pressure you into making a move you don't care to make. Do your own thing.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Ward off an argument by refusing to engage. Concentrate on doing your best and supporting the people who support you. Listen to your intuition and follow your heart.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Think matters through before you share your thoughts. Getting along with someone who could help boost your wages or lifestyle will be mandatory if you want to excel.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Make a change because it's what you want to do, not because it's what someone else wants. Use your intelligence and do your best to help those who face uncertainty or difficult times.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Keep moving. Channel your energy into something that will encourage fitness, creativity and positive change. Romance is on the rise and will enhance your life. Be careful whom you trust with personal information.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Express your plans and intentions and make changes based on the response you receive. A lot can change if you are willing to compromise. If you strive for equality, good things will transpire.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Don't feel that you must make a change because someone else does. Look at your options, concentrate on personal growth and physical improvements, and surround yourself with like-minded people.

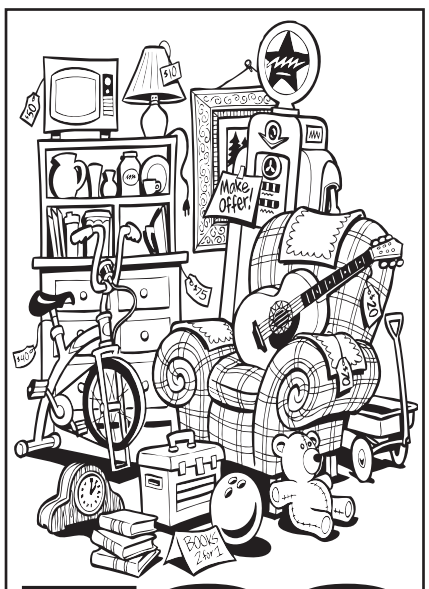
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) A change will give you the boost needed to stimulate your mind and push you in a direction that will inspire you to do your own thing.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Stop worrying about what everyone else is doing and pay closer attention to things that make you happy. Put your energy into a project that shows profit potential.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Make attention to detail a priority. Your creative input will impress your peers. Surround yourself with people who bring out the best in you. Help a cause that you care about.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Put your energy into something that matters to you. A promising partnership, physical improvement or investment opportunity is within reach. Leave nothing to chance, and success will follow.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) If you keep an open mind, you'll be offered information that can change your life. Personal growth that leads to better health, less stress and greater freedom is possible.



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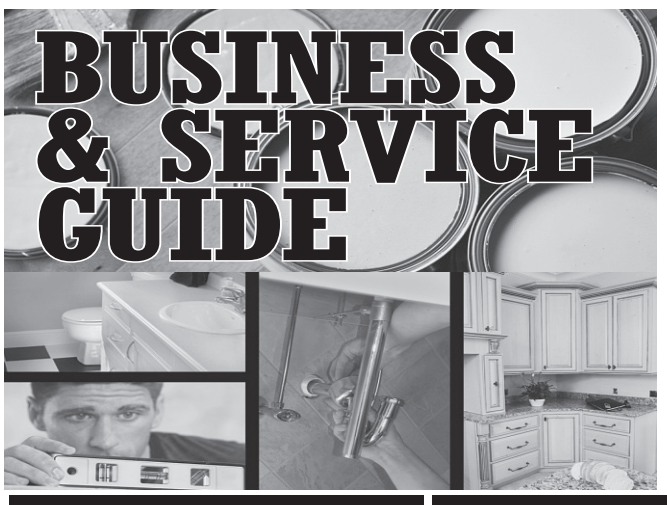

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Erik Jones won Sunday's Busch Clash exhibition at Daytona that left a trail of destruction. Of the 18 cars entered, only six were on track when the checkered flag flew at the end of a third OT. Jones crossed the finish line in his Toyota with a crumpled hood after a push from Joe Gibbs Racing teammate and defending Daytona 500 champ Denny Hamlin. Hamlin was a lap down after a blown tire on the previous OT caused him to crash half the cars remaining on track, but he had enough speed to push Jones along the outside for the win.

Go online and check out thatsracin.com for the latest information and news on stock-car racing, updated daily.

ROBERT LABERGE/GETTY IMAGES FILE

Brad Keselowski, driver of the #2 Miller Lite Ford, takes the checkered flag over Joey Logano, driver of the #22 Shell Pennzoil Ford, to win the Cup Series Advance Auto Parts Clash at Daytona International Speedway in 2018. Can Keselowski repeat that success for his first win in the Daytona 500 Sunday? "We've won the July race, we've won the Shootout (Clash). We just got to get the next one, which is the big one," he said.

Kes: Daytona all about getting out of basement and into Victory Lane

Last spring, Brad Keselowski took the checkered flag for the 30th time in the Cup Series, a milestone that further cemented his lofty standing in the sport.

Keselowski's career went 0 to 60 mph in a blink with his out-of-left field win in 2009 at Talladega Superspeedway and one day will end in the sport's Hall of Fame.

But the 35-year-old has plenty of unfinished business — nowhere more than during the Daytona 500.

"I have a zero in the win column; sure would like to change that," Keselowski said. "I think right now, Daytona is the biggest race win I don't have. That's certainly the one that stands out in front of me."

The Great American Race has been the proverbial great white whale for some of the sport's top drivers.

In less than two weeks, on Feb. 16, Keselowski would like to remove his name from a list that includes 56-time Cup Series winner Kyle Busch along with Hall of Famers Rusty Wallace, Tony Stewart and Mark Martin, who retired with at least 40 trips to Victory Lane.

But none of those drivers won on superspeedways like Keselowski, a five-time champion at Talladega and winner of the 2016 summer race at Daytona. That's twice as many as any of those drivers but Stewart, who captured five victories on the sport's two longest tracks.

Keselowski said the restrictor-plate pack racing at Daytona International Speedway often dictates the outcome and leads to multi-car crashes that can eliminate the drivers with the best setups.

"Just things haven't gone our way; I wish I had something smarter to say than that," Keselowski said. "Daytona seems to be one of those races where you don't win the race, the track kind of chooses you to win. I just don't think it's chosen us."

Keselowski would seem the ideal candidate.

A bad pit stop in 2014 allowed Dale Earnhardt Jr. to hold on for the win while Keselowski finished third. Two years later, Keselowski dominated the summer race, leading 115 of 160 laps en route to the win. In 2018, he won the Busch Clash, formerly the Budweiser Shootout — a 75-lap exhibition that kicked off Speedweeks this year with a wreck-heavy win by Erik Jones.

"We've won the July race, we've won the Shootout," Keselowski said. "We just got to get the next one, which is the big one."

At times, Keselowski cannot believe winning the Daytona 500 win even is on his radar.

Keselowski had just turned 25 and was making his third start of the 2009 season when he came out of nowhere to capture the Talladega 500. In 2012, he won the Cup Series championship and now is among five active drivers with 30 wins, including at least three each of past four seasons and seven of the past nine.

"That was a career-defining moment for me; I'll never forget it as long as I live," Keselowski said of the 2009 win. "I came in hopeful one day I'd win a Cup race. Now I'm trying to think even bigger about what my legacy will be."

In recent years, many of NASCAR's biggest stars have stepped away. Earnhardt Jr., Stewart, Jeff Gordon and, soon, Jimmie Johnson found other interests, recognized an eroding skillset or felt the pull of family away from a sport fraught with peril.

With nearly $50 million in earnings, Keselowski, his wife Paige, their two young daughters and future generations are set for life. Yet Keselowski does not see the finish line to his career, instead racing with eyes wide open and no plans of slowing down.

"Racing is dangerous," he said. "It's what I signed up for from an early age. You can't run from that. You have to be honest with it. But at some point you also have to accept some level of risk in your life with everything you do.

"Otherwise, you would live in your mama's basement."

— Edgar Thompson, Orlando Sentinel

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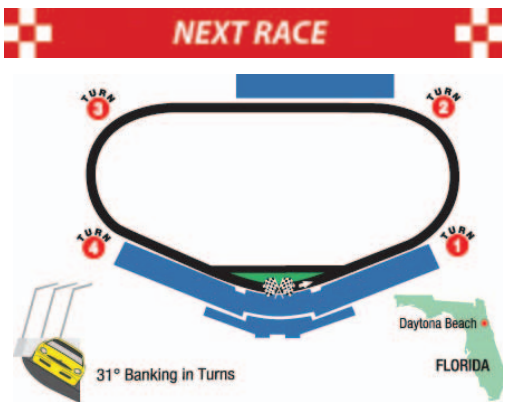


DAYTONA 500

Distance: 200 laps, or 500 miles.
Where: Daytona International Speedway, a 2.5-mile, asphalt tri-oval in Daytona Beach, Fla.
When: 2:30 p.m. ET Sunday.
TV: FOX.
Radio: Motor Racing Network.
Last year's winner: Denny Hamlin.

Hamlin

Top 10 little known facts:

1. The inaugural Rolex 24 at Daytona was actually just a three-hour, 82-lap race.

2. Daytona is the largest lighted sports facility in North America, with over 2,000 lights installed since the first night race in 1998.

3. George W. Bush is the only person to have served as Grand Marshal for both the Daytona 500 and the Coke Zero 400.

4. The Pontiac Trans-Am is the most-used Daytona 500 Pace Car, having made 13 appearances in the Great American Race.

5. The Harley J. Earl Daytona 500 trophy is named for the General Motors designer who built the first-ever concept car, also known as the "Father of the Corvette" and served as NASCAR's second commissioner.

6. Roy Ogletree established a Guinness world record for most miles traveled by Jet Ski in 24 hours, circling the lake for 900 laps or 1,080 miles during the Rolex 24 in 2009.

7. In 1982, Bobby Allison became the first and so far, only, driver to win the Sprint Unlimited, Daytona 500 and Coke Zero 400 in the same season.

8. Two full Disneylands would fit inside Daytona International Speedway's 180-acre infield.

9. A record six women qualified for the 2010 Lucas Oil 200 in the ARCA Racing Series at Daytona International Speedway.

10. You can see the Atlantic Ocean from the top rows of the 400 level of the new stadium.

2019 MONSTER FINAL STANDINGS

*Top 20 + **champion***

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1 Kyle Busch #18	**5040**	11 William Byron #24	2274
2 Martin Truex Jr #19	5035	12 Alex Bowman #88	2257
3 Kevin Harvick #4	5033	13 Kurt Busch #1	2237
4 Denny Hamlin #11	5027	14 Aric Almirola #10	2234
5 Joey Logano #22	2380	15 Ryan Newman #6	2219
6 Ryan Blaney #12	2339	16 Erik Jones #20	2194
7 Kyle Larson #42	2339	17 Daniel Suarez #41	846
8 Brad Keselowski #2	2318	18 Jimmie Johnson #48	835
9 Clint Bowyer #14	2290	19 Paul Menard #21	777
10 Chase Elliott #9	2275	20 Chris Buescher #37	729

2019 XFINITY FINAL STANDINGS

*Top 20 + **champion***

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1 Tyler Reddick #2	**4040**	11 Ryan Sieg #39	2171
2 Cole Custer #0	4035	12 Justin Haley #11	2155
3 Christopher Bell #20	4032	13 Gray Gaulding #8	713
4 Justin Allgaier #7	4023	14 Jer Clements #51	699
5 Chase Briscoe #98	2302	15 Brandon Brown #68	574
6 Austin Cindric #22	2294	16 Ray Black Jr #7	547
7 J.H. Nemechek #23	2253	17 Josh Williams #36	527
8 Noah Gragson #9	2246	18 Stephen Leicht #1	449
9 Michael Annett #1	2239	19 Garrett Smithley #0	443
10 Brandon Jones #19	2207	20 BJ McLeod #4	425

2019 TRUCKS FINAL STANDINGS

*Top 10 + **champion***

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1 Matt Crafton #88	**4035**	6 Johnny Sauter #13	2238
2 Ross Chastain #45	4033	7 Grant Enfinger #98	2236
3 Brett Moffitt #24	4032	8 Tyler Ankrum #17	2182
4 Stewart Friesen #52	4026	9 Ben Rhodes #99	773
5 Austin Hill #16	2298	10 Sheldon Creed #2	726

Stenhouse earns Daytona pole, ready for 2020 run

Ricky Stenhouse Jr. has something to prove entering the 2020 season.

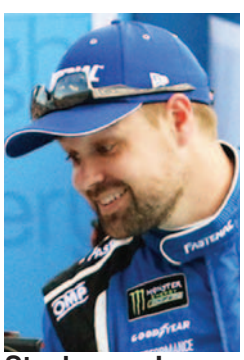
He didn't waste any time, capturing the pole Sunday for this Sunday's 62nd annual Daytona 500, making a statement for himself and his new race team.

Driving his first season with JTG Daugherty Racing, Stenhouse Jr.'s No. 47 Chevrolet earned the top spot in the 40-driver field with a lap of 46.253 seconds at 194.582 mph on Sunday at the 2.5-mile Daytona International Speedway.

Alex Bowman will start alongside Stenhouse Jr. on the front row Sunday after turning a lap of 46.305 seconds. It will be the third 500 start on the front row for Bowman, the 2018 pole-sitter.

Stenhouse is in new territory — a surprising turn of events given the turmoil he experienced last fall.

The 32-year-old from Memphis, Tenn., was unceremoniously dropped by Roush Racing in September, fewer than two months after Stenhouse had signed a contract extension through 2021. Rousch replaced Stenhouse with Chris Buescher, exercising an option in their contract with Buescher and leaving Stenhouse without a team.



Stenhouse Jr.

Roush president Steve Newmark, said his relationship with Stenhouse had "run its course" after 10 years together.

After winning the pole, the third in his career, Stenhouse said, "I feel like I can still get the job done behind the wheel and win races."

He added, "I think this is just signs of things to come, of our speed that we're going to have with our 47 team."

Stenhouse's two wins in the Cup Series both came in 2017 on superspeedways, during the Talladega 500 and Coke Zero Sugar 400 that July at Daytona. He finished 13th in the 2019 Daytona 500, his highest finish he came in seventh in 2014.

Stenhouse hopes the speed his car displayed Sunday is a harbinger, similar to his breakthrough win at Talladega. Nine pole-sitter have gone on to win the Daytona 500, most of any starting position.

"I noticed we qualified on the pole at Talladega. The car was really fast," Stenhouse recalled. "I felt like it was easier for me to make moves knowing that I felt like I had enough speed to pull out of line and get the job done. That to me is all that really matters is I know what our car is capable of speed-wise, and that helps me make moves."

Stenhouse's performance during qualifying Sunday ended a streak of five straight poles for drivers with Hendrick Motorsports, but still continued the dominance to Chevrolets and Hendrick engines.

"It's something that you don't really think about when Mr. Hendrick shows up in Victory Lane knowing that we're running his engine package," Stenhouse said.

Dating to 2013, when Danica Patrick became the first woman to win the Daytona 500 pole, Chevys have earn the top spot for the Great American Race.

"It's cool to keep the streak," Stenhouse said.

While Hendrick Motorsports did not earn the pole, one of the sport's top teams did not take a backseat to the rest of the field.

Chase Elliott, the pole-sitter in 2016 and 2017, and Jimmie Johnson, a two-time winner of the sport's premier event, had the third and fourth best times, respectively. Defending champion Denny Hamlin was fifth and reigning Cup Series champion Kyle Busch sixth — each driving Toyotas.

— Edgar Thompson, Orlando Sentinel

hp ENTERTAINMENT

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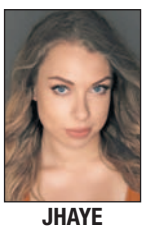
Erth's Prehistoric Aquarium Adventure comes to The Mendel Center on Saturday.

An underwater adventure

Erth's Prehistoric Aquarium Adventure aims to teach children about the old creatures of the sea

By ALEXANDRA NEWMAN
HP Staff Writer



JHAYE

BENTON HARBOR — Most children have heard of a Tyrannosaurus rex or a triceratops, but they probably haven't heard of a paracyclotosaurus or the anomalocaris.

That's why Erth's Prehistoric Aquarium Adventure will take children underwater to learn about these creatures Saturday at The Mendel Center.

"We actually take some lucky volunteers down to the bottom of the ocean to go exploring," the show's host, Charlie Jhaye, said in a recent phone interview.

The interactive show is a spinoff of Erth's Dinosaur Zoo Live, using giant puppets and lighting to plunge the audience into the prehistoric world.

"We thought we'd branch out a little and show kids about prehistoric marine reptiles, which are not technically dinosaurs, they are actually very old creatures that lived in water," Jhaye said.

She said the show changes every day because it's only loosely scripted and the volunteers are always different.

"They will make the show," she said. "They'll say something really funny or really touching. Really cool things can happen depending on what kids volunteer to come up with me. Whatever they do or say, I'll go along with."

Jhaye said doing a show that involves a lot of improvisation is a bit different from most of her previous roles where she has had to follow a script.

"That for me, because I'm used to scripts, was a lot of fun," she said. "It was a new challenge to be myself on stage and not a character, and just go with it, whatever is happening on stage."

Besides also being the host for Dinosaur Zoo Live, Jhaye's recent credits include Helia the Sun Goddess in Celebrity Cruise's "Eden," Mary in "Women in Jeopardy" (Cortland Repertory Theatre), Sheila in "Hair" (Midtown Arts), Pamela in "Fox on the Fairway" (Cortland Repertory Theatre), Mathilde Loisel in "Encore!" (Chamber Theatre Productions), Sally Bowles in "Cabaret" (In the Wings and Star of the Sea), Juror 4 in "12 Angry Women" (Alpha NYC), Captain Hook in "Peter/Wendy" (Alpha NYC), and Broadway's Rising Stars Concert (Broadway Summer Festival).

She said her favorite role of her career so far was Sally Bowles in Cabaret.

"I would play her over and over again. She changes every time," Jhaye said.

She said she draws on her wealth of experience to create a show that she hopes the kids come away from feeling inspired, empowered and hopeful.

"And like they definitely have the autonomy to go ahead and look after the Earth and after the species and habitats here," Jhaye said. "They generally come to the show with that mindset anyway."

She said she's noticed the the kids are doing better than the grown-ups.

"I'd love grown-ups who come to the show to feel like they can definitely do more to help the Earth right now and follow their kids' examples," Jhaye said.

Contact: anewman@TheHP.com, 932-0357, Twitter: @HPANewman

If You Go

What: Erth's Prehistoric Aquarium Adventure

When: 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday

Where: The Mendel Center, 2755 E. Napier Ave., Benton Harbor

How much: $16-$32

More info: 927-8700 or www.themendelcenter.com/erths-prehistoric-aquarium

Artist info: prehistoricaquarium.com

SMSO to host music talent competition

BENTON HARBOR — For the first time, the Southwest Michigan Symphony Orchestra will host a music talent competition.

"Got Talent?" will offer local acts from two age groups – 12-18, and 19 and older – the chance to compete for cash prizes.

Singers, dancers and instrumentalists, solo or group, are invited to audition.

Preliminary auditions will be on March 6, 13 and 20 at The GhostLight Theatre, 101 Hinkley St., Benton Harbor.

There is a $150 non-refundable audition fee due with registration, and payment guarantees the opportunity to audition.

A limited number of sponsorships will be available for those who cannot afford the audition fee. The deadline to register is March 4.

More details, including the registration form, are available online at www.smso.org.

All acts will receive an assigned day and time to audition. There are limited spots available, so registering early is recommended.

Competing acts from the three auditions will be narrowed down to a group that will compete at the semifinals on March 27.

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WEEKEND HIGHLIGHTS

ARS Gallery opens new exhibit, 'Cover'

BENTON HARBOR — A new exhibit featuring a musical collaboration of sorts is set to open at ARS Gallery this weekend.

The exhibition, "Cover," will feature more than 150 album covers ranging from the 1950s to '90s.

ARS Gallery Owner Anna Russo Sieber collaborated with 3 Pillars Music to gather rock, surf and jazz albums, and create a wall from the covers.

An opening reception for the exhibit will be from 6-8 p.m. Friday at the gallery, 147 Fifth St.

The free event will feature live music, small bites, beer, wine and refreshments, as well as an opportunity for guests to have their photo taken in front of the wall of albums.

The exhibit will be on display through March 25.

Photo provided

ARS Gallery is opening a new exhibit, "Cover," which features 150 album covers.

The gallery's winter hours are 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Thursdays through Saturdays.

For more information, visit arsartsandculture.org.

Comedy on the Rocks returns to Journeyman

THREE OAKS — A comedy show that often sells out will return this weekend for a special Valentine's Day event.

Comedy on the Rocks returns to Journeyman Distillery, 109 Generations Drive, at 8 p.m. Friday.

Three comedians will fill the night with laughter as attendees fill their glasses with the spirits produced just beyond the gallery wall separating the stage from Journeyman's working stills.

Headlining the night is comedian Amy Sumpter. A seasoned and popular performer, she ranked as one of the top 100 comics on season 9 of "Last Comic Standing." She's been featured in numerous web series, and performs in She's Crafty, an all female Beastie Boys tribute band.

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IN BRIEF

Series to feature St. Joe lighthouses

SOUTH HAVEN — The Michigan Maritime Museum's Maritime Lecture Series, Shipwrecks & Lighthouses, will host Kate Heckner Ulrey, community engagement coordinator and St. Joseph North Pier lighthouses tour manager for the Heritage Museum and Cultural Center.

Her presentation, "Altruistic Edifices: St. Joseph North Pier Lights," will start at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Michigan Maritime Museum, 260 Dyckman Ave.

The St. Joseph North Pier lighthouses have shone since 1832, making them the second oldest site for a light on Lake Michigan.

Learn how St. Joseph went from its first lighthouse on the bluff to the two lighthouses that stand there today. Ulrey will examine the many phases of the lighthouses, and the importance of maritime history in the development of the St. Joseph/Benton Harbor area.

Admission is $8, $7 for seniors, and free for museum members. Doors will at 6 p.m. for the lecture.

For more info, call 637-8078 or visit www.michiganmaritimemuseum.org.

Former B. Springs resident writes book

LEEVILLE, La. — Author and former Berrien Springs resident Ed Brennan has released "Serving in the Rain," according to a news release.

The Christian fiction novel follows a young man coming of age in 1970s Little Rock, Ark., as he overcomes drug addiction and poverty, joins the U.S. Air Force and, ultimately, turns his life over to the Lord.

"What I want readers to take away from 'Serving in the Rain' is that redemption is for everyone," Brennan said. "In a world that seems to offer mostly pain and rejection, God promises us unfailing love, if only we open ourselves to receiving it."

Brennan served in the Air Force and also has been a pilot of general aviation aircraft. While serving in the military, he had many adventures, meet the love of his life and found redemption in a way that inspired him to write about it, according to the release.

His book is available from Amazon, Barnes & Noble and Christianbook.com.

Acorn competition deadline is April 30

THREE OAKS — Artists looking to compete in this year's Singer Songwriter Competition at The Acorn Theater have until 11 p.m. April 30 to enter.

The eighth annual competition offers cash prizes totaling $1,500, plus opportunities to perform at future events. All different types of music are welcome in the competition.

Finalists will perform in front of three judges, and a packed house, in July.

Up to three people are allowed per group.

For more info, and full guidelines, visit www.acornlive.org/singer-songwriter-competition-2020.

Australian Pink Floyd Show comes to NB

NEW BUFFALO — The Australian Pink Floyd Show will bring its All That You Feel World Tour to Four Winds Casino Resort's Silver Creek Event Center, 11111 Wilson Road, on Aug. 28.

Tickets for the 9 p.m. show range from $45 to $75, and go on sale Friday. They can be purchased online at www.fourwindscasino.com or by calling 866-494-6371.

The Australian Pink Floyd Show performs the music of Pink Floyd with note-for-note perfection, according to a news release.

The show includes a light and laser show, video animations, high-resolution LED screen technology and other special effects. There also are several huge inflatables, including a giant pig and a pink kangaroo.

For more information on the Australian Pink Floyd Show, visit www.aussiefloyd.com.

TCP sets auditions for 'Fun Home'

ST. JOSEPH — Twin City Players has set audition times for the musical "Fun Home."

Auditions will start at 1 p.m. Feb. 29 for children's roles, and at 4 p.m. March 1 for adult roles. Callbacks, if needed, will be at 7 p.m. March 4.

Musician auditions will be at 4 p.m. March 8. Musicians are needed to play the cello, violin (added plus if you play viola), percussion (drum set with miscellaneous percussion, including djembe), electric bass guitar and clarinet.

Auditions will be held in the studio at the Playhouse, 600 W. Glenlord Road.

Audition forms and instructions, cast descriptions, musicians needed, and more information is available online at www.twincityplayers.org.

Larry Nielsen will direct the production. For questions, contact him at larry nielsen6619@gmail.com.

The show features adult language, sexuality and LGBTQ themes.

The show will be staged between June 5 and 28.

For more info about TCP, call 429-0400.

Smokey Robinson to play Four Winds

NEW BUFFALO — Smokey Robinson will perform at Four Winds Casino Resort's Silver Creek Event Center, 11111 Wilson Road, on July 17.

Tickets for the 9 p.m. show, which range from $99 to $169, go on sale Friday. They can be purchased online at www.fourwindscasino.com or by calling 866-494-6371.

Robinson is a legendary singer-songwriter, record producer, record executive, and co-founder of Motown Records.

Robinson and his group, the Miracles, met Berry Gordy after a failed audition for singer Jackie Wilson's managers. Gordy was impressed with Robinson's vocals and ambitious songwriting.

With his help they released, "Got a Job," and it was the beginning of a successful collaboration and the beginnings of Motown.

Over the next decade, Robinson and the Miracles produced 26 top 40 hits, including "You've Really Got a Hold on Me," "I Second That Emotion" and "The Tears Of a Clown."

In 1975, Robinson released his most successful solo album, "A Quiet Storm," which yielded three hit singles, "Baby That's Backatcha," "The Agony & The Ecstasy" and "Quiet Storm."

For more information about Robinson, visit www.smokeyrobinson.com.

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Tickets to attend the auditions are $15, and are available through the SMSO.

The finals will start at 5:30 p.m. May 9 in Grand Upton Hall at Lake Michigan College's Mendel Center, 2755 E. Napier Ave.

Eight finalists – four from each age group – will perform for the grand prize. The winners will receive a cash prize and their own show.

Tickets to attend the finals are $100, and include dinner.

The audition judges are professional performers with local ties.

Kecia Deroly is a theater veteran and world-traveled concert performer. She has performed on Broadway as well as Carnegie Hall.

Erick Fisher has been a professional saxophonist for more than 15 years, and is a recording artist.

Dancer Lanie Schrubba has been a student, performer, instructor and choreographer.

For more information, or to purchase tickets, call 982-4030 or visit www.smso.org.

T Street Players support Music Maker program

ST. JOSEPH — In November, the musical duo T Street Players contacted Southwest Michigan Symphony Orchestra Executive Director Sue Kellogg to notify her that the SMSO's Music Maker program was one of four nonprofits the band wanted to support through a crowdfunding campaign.

Brothers Tim and Thom Streeter of Kalamazoo have been making music together for the past 10 years.

For the release of their ninth album, "2020 Vision," they decided to use their music to benefit a nonprofit in each Michigan community where they have close ties: Ann Arbor, Benton Harbor, Kalamazoo and St. Johns.

The SMSO's Music Makers program was chosen as a recipient due to Tim's connection to the community through his employer, Whirlpool Corp.

"We love making music, and we have the luxury of being able to do it for fun rather than trying to make a living at it," the brothers said in a news release.

They wanted to give their music a greater purpose by giving away musical experiences in exchange for donations. So they established a campaign through Indiegogo.com.

"Our goal was to raise at least $1,000 for each of our favorite nonprofit organizations in these communities," they said in the release.

Photo provided

Tim Streeter visits with Music Maker participants on Feb. 3.

The T Street Players exceeded their goal. On Feb. 3, they presented the SMSO with a check for $1,074.91.

SMSO started the Music Makers program in 2013, as an effort to keep music education strong in the Southwest Michigan community. The program began with classes at the Boys and Girls Clubs of Benton Harbor, which later included students from the neighboring Martin Luther King Elementary School.

In 2018, the SMSO expanded programming to include instruction at the Benton Harbor Charter Academy.

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Grand Rapids-based Desmond Jones will play a set at The Livery on Saturday night.

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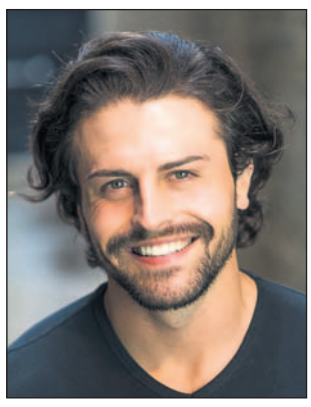
Also performing will be Zako Ryan, a "nothing is off limits" comic rising through the ranks in the Chicago comedy scene. He delivers a combination of grit and charm derived from his dirt road upbringing in Beaufort, S.C. A producer at the Laugh Factory in Chicago, Ryan has performed at clubs across the country.

Journeyman's own Maxwell Tidey returns to host the event. A house manager at The Drop Comedy Club in South Bend, Tidey has worked alongside national touring comics. He brings charm and wit to the stage, and says he stands up to comedy by simply being himself.

For more info, visit www.journeymandistillery.com/calendar.

Desmond Jones stops by The Livery

BENTON HARBOR — A five-piece American rock band from Grand Rapids will return to Southwest Michigan on Saturday as part of its 2020 tour.



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Amy Sumpter, at left, and Zako Ryan, above, will be featured this weekend during Comedy on the Rocks at Journeyman Distillery.

Desmond Jones will perform at 8:30 p.m. at The Livery, 190 Fifth St.

This year, the group, made up of John Nowak, Isaac Berkowitz, Chris Bota, George Falk and John Loria, has been touring the country promoting its new album, "Hello, Helou."

Coming off their "Electric Forest" debut, and a full winter of touring, they say they are excited to bring their high-energy rock back to The Livery.

Desmond Jones takes influence from Frank Zappa, The Grateful Dead, Phish, Miles Davis and Led Zeppelin to name a few. Their original music is centered on melodic guitar riffs, groovy bass lines, funky drumbeats and smooth saxophone.

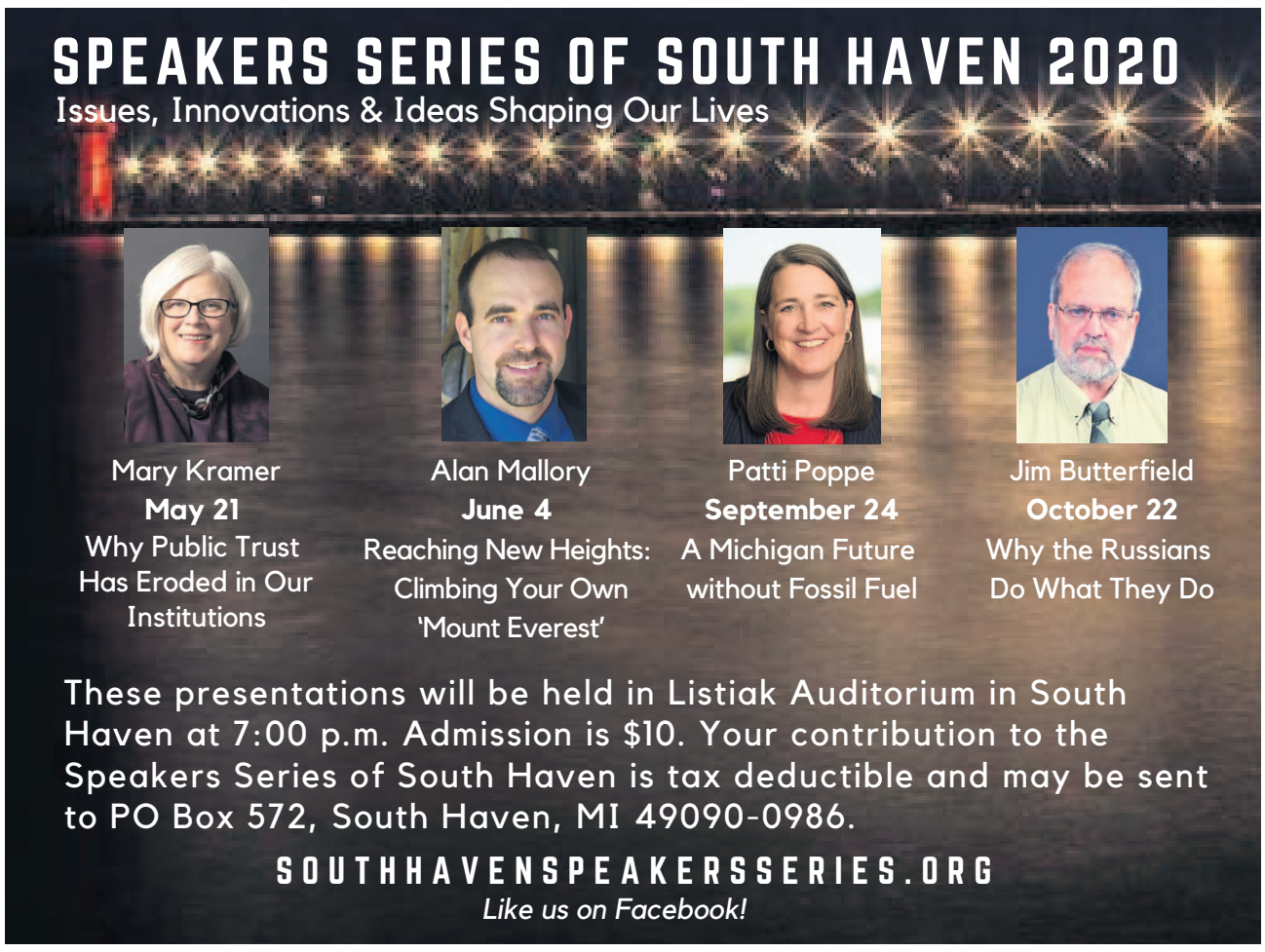
Their new album is on all major listening platforms, and also is available for purchase on vinyl through their website.

They released their debut studio album in October 2017, and have performed more than 600 times in the last six years. The band expects to continue releasing new music and tour dates in 2020.

The show has a suggested $10 admission.

For more information, visit liverybrew.com.

For more info about Desmond Jones, visit www.desmondjonesband.com.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Rick Springfield performs Saturday night at Four Winds Casino Resort's Silver Creek Event Center.

TODAY

Discussion with "Turn the Page: The Bob Seger Story" author Edward Balian: 6 p.m., Webster Memorial Library, 220 N. Phelps St., Decatur; free; 423-4771 or www.vbdl.org

"A Piece of Love Vintage Valentines" with Rhiannon Cizon: 6:30 p.m., The Heritage Museum and Cultural Center, 601 Main St., St. Joseph; $5 suggested donation; 983-1191 or www.theheritagemcc.org

Jimmy Fastiggi: 7 p.m., Four Winds Casino Resort's C Bar, 11111 Wilson Road, New Buffalo; 866-494-6371 or www.fourwindscasino.com

FRIDAY

Ed Skjordal: 6 p.m., Vineyard 2121 Winery & Tasting Room, 4110 Red Arrow Highway, Benton Harbor; 849-0109 or www.vineyard2121.com

Opening reception for "Cover": 6-8 p.m., ARS Gallery/Arts & Culture Center, 147 Fifth St., Benton Harbor; free; 277-5090 or artsandculture.org

Sinatra Night with Mike Cortson: 6-10 p.m., Schu's Grill & Bar, 501 Pleasant St., St. Joseph; 983-7248 or www.schus.com

Paul Erdman: 7 p.m., Jay's Lounge, 3025 S. 11th St., Niles; 684-8353

Jan Krist and Jim Bizer: 7-9 p.m., Black River Tavern, 403 Phoenix St., South Haven; $10 suggested donation; 637-4837 or www.blackrivertavern.com

Redman-West: 7-10 p.m., Harbor Light Brewery, 516 Phoenix St., South Haven; free; 299-7760 or www.harborlightbrewing.com

Twin City Players presents "The Savannah Sipping Society": 7:30 p.m., Twin City Players Playhouse, 600 W. Glenlord Road, St. Joseph; $12-$15; 429-0400 or www.twincityplayers.org

Lexi Adams: 8 p.m., Iron Shoe Distillery, 3 N. Third St., Niles; 262-0454 or www.ironshoedistillery.com

Valentine's Day Open Mic with Adam Gawlikowski and Mark Fredrick: 8 p.m., The Acorn Theater, 107 Generations Drive, Three Oaks; free, donations encouraged; 756-3879 or www.acornlive.org

Comedy on the Rocks featuring Amy Sumpter, Zako Ryan and Max Tidey: 8-9:30 p.m., Journeyman Distillery, 109 Generations Drive, Three Oaks; $20; 820-2050 or journeymandistillery.com

The Backups: 8-11 p.m., The Livery, 190 Fifth St., Benton Harbor; $10; 925-8760 or www.liverybrew.com

High Vizz: 9:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m., Front Street Pizza Pub, 510 N. Front St., Niles; 687-4992 or www.frontstreetpizzapub.com

House Arrest: 10 p.m., Czar's 505, 505 Pleasant St., St. Joseph; $5; 983-1166 or www.czars.com

PS Dump Your Boyfriend: 10 p.m., Four Winds Casino Resort's Hard Rock Cafe, 11111 Wilson Road, New Buffalo; 866-494-6371 or www.fourwindscasino.com

DJ Jellie Bean: 10 p.m., Four Winds Casino Resort's C Bar, 11111 Wilson Road, New Buffalo; 866-494-6371 or www.fourwindscasino.com

SATURDAY

"Erth's Prehistoric Aquarium Adventure": 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., Lake Michigan College Mendel Center Mainstage Theatre, 2755 E. Napier Ave., Benton Harbor; $16-$32; 927-8700 or www.themendelcenter.com

The Spaniels Forever: 3-4 p.m., Harvest Cafe, 2726 S. 11th St., Niles; 262-0201 or www.harvestcafeniles.com

The Backsliders: 6 p.m., Vineyard 2121 Winery & Tasting Room, 4110 Red Arrow Highway, Benton Harbor; 849-0109 or www.vineyard2121.com

Steve Michaels: 6-9 p.m., Lehmans Farmhouse, 204 N. Red Bud Trail, Buchanan; 362-4063 or www.lehmansfarmhouse.com

Black River Band: 7 p.m., Van Buren Sportsmen's Club, 54030 CR 687, Hartford; 621-3994 or vbsportsmensclub.wix.com/vbsc

Foundry Hall presents the Blue Water Ramblers: 7-8:30 p.m., Church of the Epiphany, 410 Erie St., South Haven; $10-$15; 220-0444 or www.foundryhall.org

Honey and the Badgers: 7-11 p.m., Joey Armadillo's, 2732 S. 11th St., Niles; 687-5555 or www.joeyarmadillos.com

The Chicago Experience: 8 p.m., The Acorn Theater, 107 Generations Drive, Three Oaks; sold out; 756-3879 or www.acornlive.org

Desmond Jones: 8:30 p.m., The Livery, 190 Fifth St., Benton Harbor; $10 suggested admission; 925-8760 or www.liverybrew.com

Libido Funk Circus: 9 p.m., Babe's Lounge, 565 Riverview Drive, Benton Harbor; $10; 925-3787

Rick Springfield: 9 p.m., Four Winds Casino Resort's Silver Creek Event Center, 11111 Wilson Road, New Buffalo; $59-$79; 866-494-6371 or www.fourwindscasino.com

Fool House: 10 p.m., Four Winds Casino Resort's Hard Rock Cafe, 11111 Wilson Road, New Buffalo; 866-494-6371 or www.fourwindscasino.com

DJ Jellie Bean: 10 p.m., Four Winds Casino Resort's C Bar, 11111 Wilson Road, New Buffalo; 866-494-6371 or www.fourwindscasino.com

"The Savannah Sipping Society": see Friday

SUNDAY

Joe Jason: 2:30-5:30 p.m., Dablon Vineyards, 111 W. Shawnee Road, Baroda; free; 422-2846 or www.dablon.com

Name That Tune Trivia: 4-6 p.m., Three Blondes Brewing, 1875 Phoenix St., Suite B, South Haven; free; 872-3911 or www.threeblondesbrewing.com

Jim Cooper: 4-6 p.m., Foundry Hall at Harbor Light Brewery, 516 Phoenix St., South Haven; free; 299-7760 or www.harborlightbrewing.com

Earthwork Music Sunday Showcase featuring Dede Alder: 7-9 p.m., The Livery, 190 Fifth St., Benton Harbor; $10 suggested donation; 925-8760 or www.liverybrew.com

"The Savannah Sipping Society": 2 p.m., see Friday

MONDAY

Story time and craft with President Lincoln: 1 p.m., Coloma Public Library, 151 W. Center St., Coloma; free; 468-3431 or www.colomapubliclibrary.net

TUESDAY

Getting the Vote – Michigan Women and the Path to Suffrage: 7 p.m., North Berrien Historical Museum, 300 Coloma Ave., Coloma; free; 468-3330 or www.northberrienhistory.org

WEDNESDAY

Krasl Art Fair on the Bluff Jury Day: 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Lake Michigan College Mendel Center, 2755 E. Napier Ave., Benton Harbor; free; 983-0271 or www.krasl.org

Michigan Maritime Museum's Lecture Series presents "Altruistic Edifices: St. Joseph North Pier Lights": 6:30-8:30 p.m., Michigan Maritime Museum, 260 Dyckman Ave., South Haven; $8, $7 seniors, free for members; 637-8078 or michiganmaritimemuseum.org

FEB. 20

Julia James: 7 p.m., Four Winds Casino Resort's C Bar, 11111 Wilson Road, New Buffalo; 866-494-6371 or www.fourwindscasino.com

Checkmark Sallie: 7-10 p.m., Wegners Lakeside Bar & Grill, 2628 Lake Shore Drive, Niles; free; 683-1558 or wegners-lakeside-bar-grill.business.site

Spring band concert: 7:30 p.m., Southwestern Michigan College, Dale A. Lyons Building, 58900 Cherry Grove Road, Dowagiac; 782-1457 or www.swmich.edu

FEB. 21

Southwest Michigan Home & Garden Expo: 5-8 p.m., Lake Michigan College Mendel Center, 2755 E. Napier Ave., Benton Harbor; free; 927-8700 or www.themendelcenter.com

Neshama: 7 p.m., Michiana Christian Embassy, 1922 E. Main St., Niles; free; www.neshamatheband.com

Nicholas James Thomasma: 7-10 p.m., Harbor Light Brewery, 516 Phoenix St., South Haven; 299-7760 or www.harborlightbrewing.com

Chris Burch: 8-10 p.m., Iron Shoe Distillery, 3 N. Third St., Niles; 262-0454 or www.ironshoedistillery.com

Bonerama: 8:30 p.m., The Livery, 190 Fifth St., Benton Harbor; $20-$25; 925-8760 or www.liverybrew.com

The Crawpuppies: 10 p.m., Four Winds Casino Resort's Hard Rock Cafe, 11111 Wilson Road, New Buffalo; 866-494-6371 or www.fourwindscasino.com

DJ Wayne: 10 p.m., Four Winds Casino Resort's C Bar, 11111 Wilson Road, New Buffalo; 866-494-6371 or www.fourwindscasino.com

Dart Board Compromise: 10 p.m., Czar's 505, 505 Pleasant St., St. Joseph; $5; 983-1166 or www.czars.com

FEB. 22

Resurrection Blues Band: 6-10 p.m., The D.A.N.K., 2651 Pipestone Road, Benton Harbor; $5; 926-6652 or www.dank13.org

Andrews University Symphony Orchestra Winter Concert: 8 p.m., Andrews University's Howard Performing Arts Center, 4160 E. Campus Circle Drive, Berrien Springs; $6, $4 students, free ages 10 and younger; 471-3560 or howard.andrews.edu

Marshall Charloff and the Purple Xperience (Prince tribute): 8 p.m., The Acorn Theater, 107 Generations Drive, Three Oaks; sold out; 756-3879 or www.acornlive.org

Mardi Gras featuring Red Deluxe: 8 p.m.-midnight (dinner 6:30-8 p.m.), American Legion Post 204, 204 W. Linden St., Three Oaks; $20; 756-2341

Roosevelt Diggs: 8:30 p.m., The Livery, 190 Fifth St., Benton Harbor; $10 suggested admission; 925-8760 or www.liverybrew.com

Roger Hodgson: 9 p.m., Four Winds Casino Resort's Silver Creek Event Center, 11111 Wilson Road, New Buffalo; $59-$79; 866-494-6371 or www.fourwindscasino.com

The 1985: 10 p.m., Czar's 505, 505 Pleasant St., St. Joseph; $5; 983-1166 or www.czars.com

Hurricane Gumbo: 10 p.m., Four Winds Casino Resort's Hard Rock Cafe, 11111 Wilson Road, New Buffalo; 866-494-6371 or www.fourwindscasino.com

DJ Jesse: 10 p.m., Four Winds Casino Resort's C Bar, 11111 Wilson Road, New Buffalo; 866-494-6371 or www.fourwindscasino.com

Southwest Michigan Home & Garden Expo: 9 a.m.-6 p.m., see Feb. 21

FEB. 23

Jimmy Fastiggi: 2:30-5:30 p.m., Dablon Vineyards, 111 W. Shawnee Road, Baroda; free; 422-2846 or www.dablon.com

Winter band concert: 3 p.m., Michigan Lutheran High School, 615 E. Marquette Woods Road, St. Joseph; free, donations accepted; 429-7861 or www.michiganlutheran.org

Southwest Michigan Home & Garden Expo: 10 a.m.-5 p.m., see Feb. 21

FEB. 25

Music Trivia: 6:30-9:30 p.m., Front Street Pizza Pub, 510 N. Front St., Niles; 687-4992 or www.frontstreetpizzapub.com

Winter Favorites with Forever Books staff: 7 p.m., Forever Books, 312 State St., St. Joseph; free, reservations requested; 982-1110 or www.foreverbooks.net

FEB. 27

Chris Behre: 7 p.m., Four Winds Casino Resort's C Bar, 11111 Wilson Road, New Buffalo; 866-494-6371 or www.fourwindscasino.com

Michigan Coalition to Prevent Gun Violence presents "The Gun Show": 7 p.m., The GhostLight Theatre, 101 Hinkley St., Benton Harbor; $10 suggested donation; michigancoalitiontopreventgunviolence.org, 252-5222 or ghostlightbh.com

FEB. 28

Great Lakes Adventist Academy Vespers: 7 p.m., Andrews University's Howard Performing Arts Center, 4160 E. Campus Circle Drive, Berrien Springs; free; 471-3560 or howard.andrews.edu

Delilah DeWylde: 7-10 p.m., Harbor Light Brewery, 516 Phoenix St., South Haven; free; 299-7760 or www.harborlightbrewing.com

Corky Siegel & Ernie Watts with Kalyan Pathak: 8 p.m., The Acorn Theater, 107 Generations Drive, Three Oaks; $35-$60; 756-3879 or www.acornlive.org

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Hillbilly Rockstarz: 10 p.m., Four Winds Casino Resort's Hard Rock Cafe, 11111 Wilson Road, New Buffalo; 866-494-6371 or www.fourwindscasino.com

DJ Kenya: 10 p.m., Four Winds Casino Resort's C Bar, 11111 Wilson Road, New Buffalo; 866-494-6371 or www.fourwindscasino.com

Mysteria: 10 p.m., Czar's 505, 505 Pleasant St., St. Joseph; $5; 983-1166 or www.czars.com

FEB. 29

Winter Delights featuring Six Appeal, Jig-Jam, The Reminders and Bryan Lubeck: 1-10 p.m., Lake Michigan College Mendel Center, 2755 E. Napier Ave., Benton Harbor; $20-$60; 927-8700 or www.themendelcenter.com

Chamber Music with Claudio Gonzalez and Friends: 8 p.m., Andrews University's Howard Performing Arts Center, 4160 E. Campus Circle Drive, Berrien Springs; $6, $4 students and seniors; 471-3560 or howard.andrews.edu

Nick Bell Band: 8 p.m., The Acorn Theater, 107 Generations Drive, Three Oaks; $30-$55; 756-3879 or www.acornlive.org

Free Hat with Mail Order Monsters: 8:30 p.m., The Livery, 190 Fifth St., Benton Harbor; $10 suggested admission; 925-8760 or www.liverybrew.com

The 1985: 10 p.m., Four Winds Casino Resort's Hard Rock Cafe, 11111 Wilson Road, New Buffalo; 866-494-6371 or www.fourwindscasino.com

DJ Dubbington: 10 p.m., Four Winds Casino Resort's C Bar, 11111 Wilson Road, New Buffalo; 866-494-6371 or www.fourwindscasino.com

Whiskey Highway: 10 p.m., Czar's 505, 505 Pleasant St., St. Joseph; $5; 983-1166 or www.czars.com

ONGOING

ART EXHIBITS

"This Is My Brain Healing" by Laura Hanlin, BAC instructor showcase and **woodcarving by John VanDyke:** through Feb. 22, Buchanan Art Center, 117 W. Front St., Buchanan; free; 697-4005 or buchananartcenter.com

Works by Lea Bult and Janice Kimball: through Feb. 27, Southwestern Michigan College's Gallery, Dale A. Lyons Building, 58900 Cherry Grove Road, Dowagiac; free; 782-1457 or www.swmich.edu

"South Haven Artists of Tomorrow: Middle School and High School Student Exhibition": through Feb. 29, South Haven Center for the Arts, 600 Phoenix St., South Haven; free; 637-1041 or www.southhavenarts.org

"2019 Members Show: Inspired by the Greats": through Feb. 29, Box Factory for the Arts, 1101 Broad St., St. Joseph; free; 983-3688 or boxfactoryforthearts.org

"Lines with Power and Purpose: Editorial Cartoons" and **"Ongoing Matter":** through March 8, Krasl Art Center, 707 Lake Blvd., St. Joseph; free; 983-0271 or www.krasl.org

Works by Bruce Wrenn: through March 11, The Gallery at The Inn at Harbor Shores, 800 Whitwam Drive, St. Joseph; 983-1111 or www.harborshoresresort.com/the-inn

"Cover": Friday-March 25, ARS Gallery/Arts & Culture Center, 147 Fifth St., Benton Harbor; 277-5090 or artsandculture.org

Northern Indiana Artists Exhibit: through March 29, Fernwood Botanical Garden and Nature Preserve's Clark Art Gallery, 13988 Range Line Road, Niles; free with regular admission ($10, $7 seniors and students with ID, $5 military and ages 5-17; free members and ages 4 and younger); 695-6491 or www.fernwoodbotanical.org

WEEKLY EVENTS

Music bingo: 7 p.m. Thursdays, LakeHouse Restaurant & Bar, 3029 Lakeshore Drive, St. Joseph; 982-8020 or thelakehouserestaurant.com

Karaoke: 7 p.m. Thursdays, 9:30 p.m. Fridays; Babe's Lounge, 565 Riverview Drive, Benton Harbor; free; 925-3787

Geeks Who Drink Trivia: 7 p.m. Thursdays, Three Blondes Brewing, 1875 Phoenix St., Suite B, South Haven; free; 872-3911 or www.threeblondesbrewing.com

Team trivia: 7 p.m. Thursdays; Sister Lakes Brewing, 92500 CR 690, Dowagiac; free; 332-5135 or www.sisterlakesbrewing.com

Music match trivia: 7 p.m. Thursdays; The Buck Burgers & Brew, 412 State St., St. Joseph; 281-0320 or eatatthebuck.com

Karaoke: 9 p.m. Thursdays; Czar's 505, 505 Pleasant St., St. Joseph; 983-1166 or www.czars.com

DJ karaoke: 9 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays; Arrowhead Bar & Grill, 20 W. Main St., Hartford; free; 621-4100

Karaoke: 9 p.m. Saturdays; AJ's Uptown Bar and Grill, 102 E. Ferry St., Berrien Springs; 473-1579

Karaoke: 10 p.m. Saturdays, Wednesdays; The Sandbar & Grille, 2701 Lakeshore Drive, St. Joseph; free; 983-9977

Team trivia: 7 p.m. Mondays; The Buck Burgers & Brew, 412 State St., St. Joseph; 281-0320 or eatatthebuck.com

Open mic: 7-9 p.m. Mondays, Uptown Pizza Co., 100 E. Ferry St., Berrien Springs; 473-6007 or www.uptownpizzacompany.com

Open mic: 7 p.m. Tuesdays; St. Joseph-Benton Harbor Elks Lodge 541, 601 Riverview Drive, Benton Harbor; free; 363-4180

Music bingo: 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays, Sandbar & Grille, 2701 Lakeshore Drive, St. Joseph; free; 983-9977 or www.sandbargrillestjoe.com

Trivia: 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Arclight Brewing Co., 544 N. Main St., Watervliet; 332-0718 or www.arclightbrewing.com

Jam sessions: 6-9 p.m. Wednesdays; Box Factory for the Arts, 1101 Broad St., St. Joseph; $5 suggested donation; 983-3688 or boxfactoryforthearts.org

Open mic: 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays; The Buck Burgers & Brew, 412 State St., St. Joseph; 281-0320 or eatatthebuck.com

Rock 'n' Roll Dance Music with DJ Dale Owen: 7-10 p.m. Wednesdays; Hidden Pointe Hall, 1050 Nickerson Ave., Benton Harbor; $5; 926-1358

Team Trivia: 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays; The Livery, 190 Fifth St., Benton Harbor; free; 925-8760 or www.liverybrew.com

The Guide appears Thursdays in Entertainment. Submissions must include day, time, location, cost and contact info. Submissions must be received by 5 p.m. Friday to appear in the following Thursday. Email to Focus@TheHP.com, or mail to Focus, The Herald-Palladium, P.O. Box 128, St. Joseph, MI 49085. For questions, call Andy Steinke at 932-0363.

NOW PLAYING

Movies in theaters this week.

NEW RELEASES

"Fantasy Island": Secret dreams of the guests of a magical island resort come true, but when the fantasies turn into nightmares, the guests have to solve the island's mystery to escape with their lives. Stars Lucy Hale, Maggie Q, Portia Doubleday, Charlotte McKinney and Michael Rooker. Rated PG-13 for violence, terror, drug content, suggestive material and brief strong language. Runtime: 110 minutes.

"Sonic the Hedgehog": After discovering a small, blue, fast hedgehog, a small-town police officer must help it defeat an evil genius who wants to do experiments on it. Stars Jim Carrey, Ben Schwartz, James Marsden, Adam Pally and Tika Sumpter. Rated PG for action, some violence, rude humor and brief mild language. Runtime: 99 minutes.

"The Photograph": In a series of intertwining love stories set in the past and the present, a woman must learn from the secrets in her mother's past if she is to move forward and allow herself to love and be loved. Stars LaKeith Stanfield, Issa Rae, Chelsea Peretti, Teyonah Parris and Kelvin Harrison Jr. Rated PG-13 for sexuality and brief strong language. Runtime: 106 minutes.

STILL SHOWING

"1917": Two young British soldiers during World War I are given an impossible mission: deliver a message deep into enemy territory that will stop 1,600 men, and one of the soldiers' brothers, from walking straight into a deadly trap. Stars Dean-Charles Chapman, George MacKay, Daniel Mays, Colin Firth and Pip Carter. Rated R for violence, some disturbing images and language. Runtime: 119 minutes.

Sabrina Lantos / Universal Pictures / AP

Issa Rae is shown in a scene from "The Photograph."

Paramount Pictures / Sega of America / AP

Sonic, voiced by Ben Schwartz, is shown in a scene from "Sonic the Hedgehog."

"Bad Boys for Life": The Bad Boys, Mike Lowrey and Marcus Burnett, are back for one last ride. Stars Will Smith, Martin Lawrence, Alexander Ludwig, Vanessa Hudgens and Joe Pantoliano. Rated R for strong bloody violence, language throughout, sexual references and brief drug use. Runtime: 123 minutes.

"Birds of Prey": After splitting with the Joker, Harley Quinn joins superheroes Black Canary, Huntress and Renee Montoya to save a young girl from an evil crime lord. Stars Margot Robbie, Mary Elizabeth Winstead, Ewan McGregor, Jurnee Smollett-Bell and Rosie Perez. Rated R for strong violence and language throughout, and some sexual and drug material. Runtime: 109 minutes.

"Dolittle": A physician discovers he can talk to animals. Stars Robert Downey Jr., Antonio Banderas, Michael Sheen, Jim Broadbent and Jessie Buckley. Rated PG for some action, rude humor and brief language. Runtime: 106 minutes.

"Gretel & Hansel": A long time ago in a distant fairy tale countryside, a young girl leads her little brother into a dark woods in desperate search of food and work, only to stumble upon a nexus of terrifying evil. Stars Sophia Lillis, Alice Krige, Jessica De Gouw, Charles Babalola and Samuel Leakey. Rated PG-13 for disturbing images/thematic content and brief drug material. Runtime: 87 minutes.

"Jumanji: The Next Level": The gang is back, but the game has changed. As they return to rescue one of their own, the players will have to brave parts unknown – from arid deserts to snowy mountains – to escape the world's most dangerous game. Stars Karen Gillan, Dwayne Johnson, Jack Black, Nick Jonas and Kevin Hart. Rated PG-13 for adventure action, suggestive content and some language. Runtime: 123 minutes.

"Knives Out": A detective investigates the death of a patriarch of an eccentric, combative family. Stars Daniel Craig, Chris Evans, Ana de Armas, Jamie Lee Curtis and Michael Shannon. Rated PG-13 for thematic elements including brief violence, some strong language, sexual references and drug material. Runtime: 130 minutes.

"The Gentleman": A British drug lord tries to sell off his highly profitable empire to a dynasty of Oklahoma billionaires. Stars Matthew McConaughey, Charlie Hunnam, Michelle Dockery, Jeremy Strong and Lyne Renee. Rated R for violence, language throughout, sexual references and drug content. Runtime: 113 minutes.

WINTER Delights FESTIVAL

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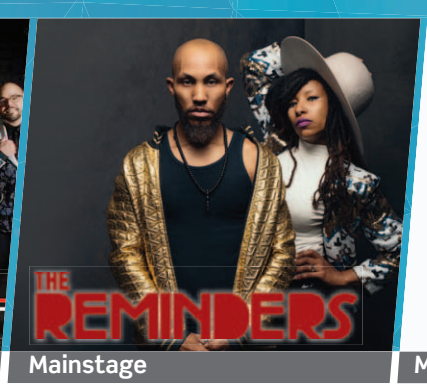

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